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PEACE PRESERVATION PROCLAMATION ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT

Wide powers against rioting and breaches of the peace were assumed by the Government to-day under the 1886 Peace Preservation Ordinance.
Authorities have power to flog offenders with the cat-of-nine-tails, to enter homes and arrest persons without warrant.
Police may call on any bystander for assistance and fine him if he does not come to their aid.

70 Raids On Italian Territory

**And Only One British
Plane Is Lost**
ADEN, July 12 (Reuters).—During the first month of operations, aircraft of the Aden Command flew over Italian territory on over 70 separate occasions with the loss of only one plane. Italian losses amount to at least 20 planes.

Exaggerated Claims
LONDON, July 12 (Reuters).—The claims made in Italian communiques are discredited in official circles in London, where it is learned that there were eight bombing attacks on units of the British Fleet yesterday. Information received in London shows that one Italian fighter was shot down and one British fighter became unserviceable after landing. There was no other damage.

NAZI LIE NAILED

**Anglo-Jewish Pact
Officially Denied**
LONDON, July 12 (Reuters).—The Ministry of Information states: "The statements recently made in German broadcasts in Arabic with regard to a British-Jewish Pact about Palestine are completely false. There have been no negotiations before or since the Franco-German Armistice with regard to a Jewish state in Palestine, the evacuation of Arabs or any such schemes, and in spite of the wealth of detail given by the German broadcasts, these have no foundation in fact."
"It is, of course, well-known that Jews of Palestine, like a great many Arabs there, are working and fighting on the side of Great Britain against Nazi domination, but any story of a 'secret pact' between Great Britain and any Jewish agency is a sheer invention."

Aviators On French Ship Britain Objects To Internment

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, July 12 (UP).—Britain is strongly opposed to the French aircraft carrier *Bearn*, which is at present at Martinique, being interned in a neutral port.
The proposal was likewise rejected by the French when the United States Government offered a haven for the vessel in New Orleans.
The British have rejected the proposal because there are over 100 British pilots aboard the French vessel.

NEW STANDARD PRICES

The Hongkong Food Controller, Mr. J. H. Taggart, announces to-day that the standard prices of evaporated milk shall be \$10.20 per case for Pacific Brand, and 40 cents per tin for the same brand.
Clippers Due
The Philippine Clipper departed from Guam this morning for Manila and will arrive in Hongkong to-morrow afternoon.
The Honolulu Clipper departed from Wake and is scheduled to arrive here Tuesday, departing again Wednesday.

The actual Proclamation of the Peace invoked to-day gives the Governor, Colonial Secretary or any Justice of the Peace the right to call on any by-standers to help in preserving the peace and arresting offenders.

Anyone who refuses is liable to a fine of \$50 or imprisonment for three months.

"Terror Of H.M. Subjects"

Whenever persons are unlawfully, riotously or tumultuously assembled "to the disturbance of the peace and the terror of His Majesty's subjects, and Justice can warn them that they are breaking the law and order them to disperse.

Anyone refusing can be arrested, fined \$50 or gaol for three months. If people so warned do not disperse, and anyone is hurt, maimed or killed in forcibly dispersing or arresting them, the person causing the hurt is deemed blameless unless he has shown gross carelessness.

Any Justice of the peace can authorise police officers to enter by force without a warrant any place where he suspects arms and ammunition may be hidden.

They have the same powers to enter any place where it is suspected that people who have taken part in any unlawful act may be hiding, or any place where it is suspected that persons may be plotting to break the peace.

Anyone taking part in a boycott, unlawfully combining to stop the sale or transit of goods, or who tries to influence others from trading, may be fined \$50 or sentenced to three months.

Additionally, every male person who commits any of these breaches may be flogged with up to 24 strokes of the cat. Offenders under 16 may be given up to 12 strokes of the birch.

No-one acting under good faith under the provisions of the ordinance is liable for damages for any duty imposed, or reasonably supposed to be imposed on him by the ordinance.

FANTASTIC ELECTION

**Mexican Candidates
Both Claim Victory**

MEXICO CITY, July 12 (Reuters).—An extraordinary situation has arisen out of the Presidential election.
As the result of a scrutiny of the votes cast, General Avila Camacho claims an overwhelming majority throughout the Republic, while his opponent, General Juan Almazan, is equally convinced that he is victorious.

Will Seize Office

In the ordinary course, the official result would be announced on September 11 in the Chamber of Deputies. An advertisement, however, is published by the entire Press to the effect that General Almazan is convinced that he has been legally elected and intends to establish his own Congress. He has already issued credentials for the Deputies.
The notice adds that Congress will meet at a place to be announced in order to declare General Almazan President. He will then take the oath of office regardless of what the General Camacho party may do in the official chamber.

The situation has fearsome possibilities and unless President Cardenas finds a way of straightening the matter out, Mexico may have a return of the old upheavals.

It was notified in the "Gazette" this morning that Sidney Eccleshall, who had been re-assigned from the Key Posts group to the Combatant Group in the Hongkong Defence Reserve.
Albert James Robert Moss has been re-assigned from the General Group for Essential Services to the Combatant Group in the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

THE MAIN HIGHWAY TO INTERIOR



THE BRIDGE shown above was destroyed by the Japanese during the early stages of the re-occupation of the border zone. The two photographs on this page are reproduced through the courtesy of Key Scott, the well-known "Life" camera-man who is again re-visiting the Far East and is now in Hongkong awaiting developments.

Thrilling Story Of R.A.F. Heroism

Men Wounded, Engine Disabled, They Carried On

LONDON, July 12 (Reuters).—The story of a bomber's crew who carried on and bombed their objective though two were wounded and one engine of their plane was out of action is told in the "London Gazette."

All five airmen have been decorated.
Pilot Officer Andrew Dunn, Pilot Officer Charles Montague and Pilot Officer Leslie Watt receive the D.F.C. while Acting Sergeant Bernard Savill and Sergeant Joseph Dawson receive the Distinguished Flying Medal.

Wonderful Courage

Their plane, piloted by Pilot Officer Dunn on the night of the bombing attack last month, was repeatedly hit by anti-aircraft fire and then attacked by a Messerschmitt 109.
The first attack disabled the inter-communication gear and wounded the air observer, Sergeant Savill and the wireless operator, Sergeant Dawson. The rear-gunner, Pilot Officer Watt, was unable to warn the captain of "chillers" in the second attack but delivered a good burst at short range and destroyed the enemy.
One engine of the R.A.F. bomber was, however, disabled.

But Target Was Hit

Despite these difficulties, the target on the Ruhr was successfully bombed before the crew turned for home.
For three and a half hours the plane, lost height, flying one engine

RAIDERS PAY DEARLY

**Germans Lose Many
Bombers**

LONDON, July 12 (Reuters).—An Air Ministry communique states:

"Last night R.A.F. bombers attacked enemy aerodromes in Holland, and munition works, blast furnaces and other objectives in Germany. Three of our aircraft are missing.

"In the course of reconnaissance over Boulogne yesterday, aircraft of the Coastal Command bombed a concentration of barges, machine-gunned enemy flying boats moored in harbour and damaged the lock gates.

"This morning, in an attack upon a convoy in the south-east coast, six enemy aircraft were destroyed and others damaged by our fighters.

"This afternoon, three other bombers were brought down, one on the outskirts of the Scottish port and two others off the south-east coast. Two of these were destroyed by fighters and the other by anti-aircraft fire.

"In all to-day ten enemy bombers have been destroyed, including a Junkers which was shot down into the sea by an Anson aircraft of the Coastal Command.

"Two of our fighters are missing. It is now confirmed that in engagements round our coasts yesterday, a total of 23 enemy aircraft were destroyed."

Total Now Eleven

LONDON, July 12 (Reuters).—The Air Ministry communique announces that an enemy bomber was shot down by our fighter aircraft off the south coast this evening, bringing up to 11 the total number of enemy aircraft destroyed to-day.

Bombs Cause Casualties

LONDON, July 12 (Reuters).—The Air Ministry announces that an enemy bomber, flying at a great height, dropped a number of bombs which fell in various parts of a town on the north-east coast of Scotland this afternoon.

Damage was caused and a number of persons were killed and injured. The bomber was intercepted by fighters of the R.A.F. and shot down in the outskirts of the town.

102 Planes Downed

LONDON, July 12 (Reuters).—Fifty more German planes are officially reported in London to-day as having been shot down. Four were shot down by our fighters this morning during attempted raids on east coast shipping, another addition to the 22 already reported as brought down during Thursday's mass raids.

It is now possible to give an idea of the cost to the Germans of their raids on Britain.

Including to-day's figures, 102 German planes have been shot down for certain and another 34 have been probably since June 18, or just over three weeks.

In raids on Britain since the beginning of the war, the Germans have lost 108 for certain and probably 43 more.

This shows that the raids of the last three weeks or since the first mass raids on Britain began have been more costly to Germany than all other raids combined.

Crashed On Land

LONDON, July 12 (Reuters).—The Air Ministry news service, describing the destruction of 11 German Turn to Page 4, Second Column

Evacuation of Children Scheme Abandoned

LONDON, July 12 (Reuters).—The Ministry of Information announced that the Government scheme for the evacuation of children abroad has been postponed for the present.

The announcement says that in view of the fate of the *Arandora Star*, the Government is unable to take the responsibility of sending shiploads of children away with a convoy.

It is understood that while there is ample shipping available for the transport of the children, there are insufficient naval vessels available for convoy duties owing to the great demands now being made on the Admiralty.

AUSTRALIA AWAITS ARRIVAL

**Assured Of Warm
Welcome**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CANBERRA, July 12 (UP).—Women and children evacuated from Hongkong to Australia are assured of a warm welcome.

The Federal State governments will assist in every possible way to find suitable accommodation and to make the stay of the evacuees enjoyable, declared the Minister for the Interior, Mr. W. Foll, in an exclusive interview to-day.

He added that they were awaiting information from Hongkong as to the number of evacuees Australia was to expect and also their requirements.

Quarantine and customs formalities would be expedited so that the evacuees could go to their new homes in the least discomfort and with as slight a delay as possible.

Arrangements for the reception of a specified number of women and children were being made in each State.

To Take Alien Internees

LONDON, July 12 (Reuters).—Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, announced to-day that Australia has agreed to take alien internees from Britain.

It is reported that 2,000 have already left Britain for down under.

The British Government will bear the cost of their maintenance and the camp guards.

TRINIDAD'S WAR OFFER

PORT OF SPAIN, July 12 (Reuters).—The Trinidad Legislative Council unanimously passed a resolution to-day offering the whole of the Colony's remaining reserve, totalling half a million sterling, to the British Government free of interest for the duration of the war.

This is the third amount to be voted for Britain's war effort; the two previous gifts outright amounting to half a million sterling.

RANGOON, July 12 (Reuters).—The Governor of Burma has appointed Mr. V. M. M. C. to the post of Third Counsellor for Defence, which is created to associate Burmese in the country's defence matter.

MIRS BAY PORT WRECKED BY JAPANESE



ABOVE we reproduce the first photograph taken at Salyuchung, the Mirs Bay seaport which was almost completely razed during the early days of the Japanese re-occupation of the border zone. Salyuchung is the centre through which legitimate trade between Hongkong and the Interior passes. Foodstuffs are carried to and from Taiipo by junks and launches.

LATEST

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Further Late News

Evacuation To Manila: First Photographs



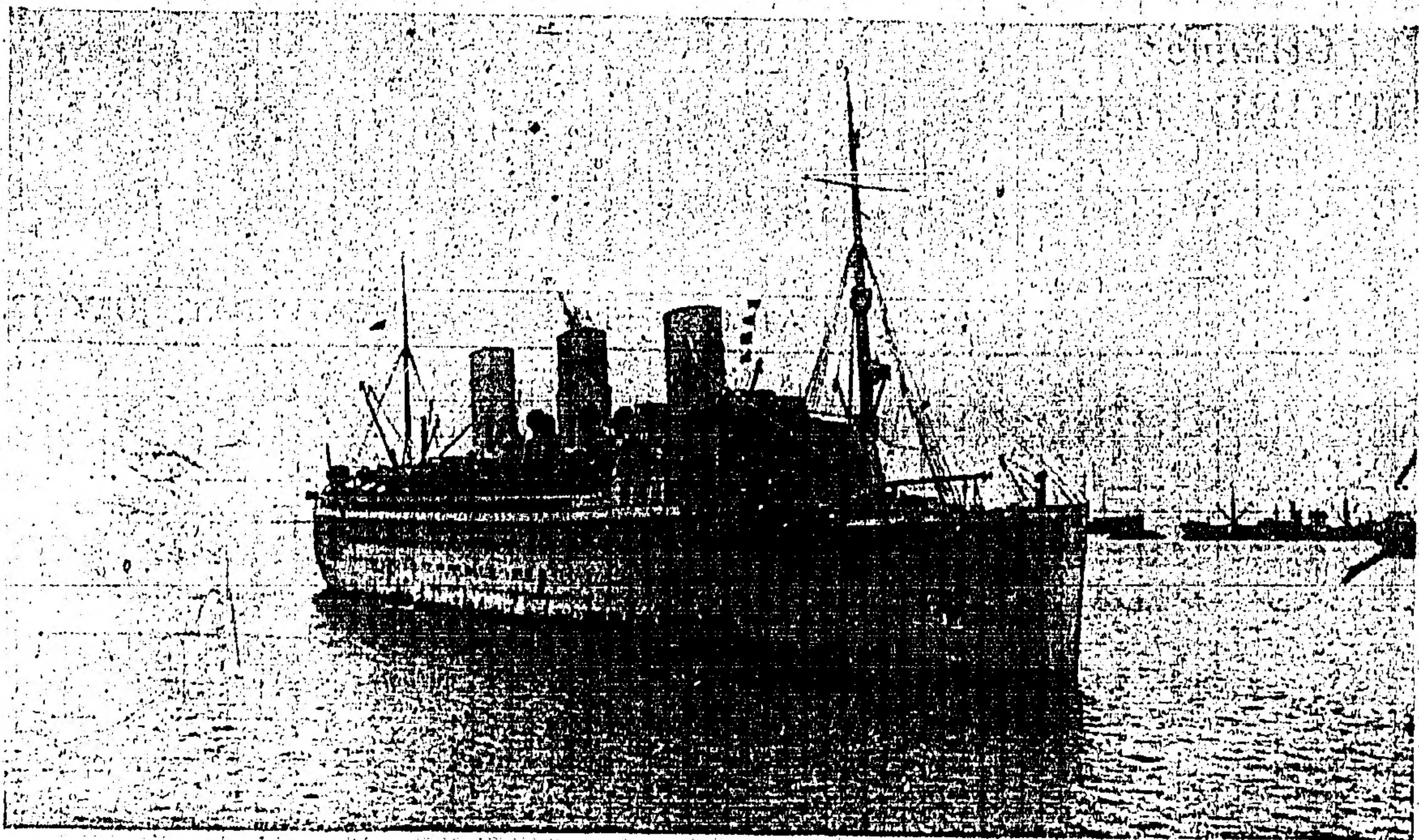
THE YOUNG HONGKONG evacuee in the photograph above seems to be experiencing considerable difficulty with her bag.

AN EVENT unique and significant in the history of this Colony is pictured in the photographs on this and the following page of to-day's "Hongkong Telegraph".

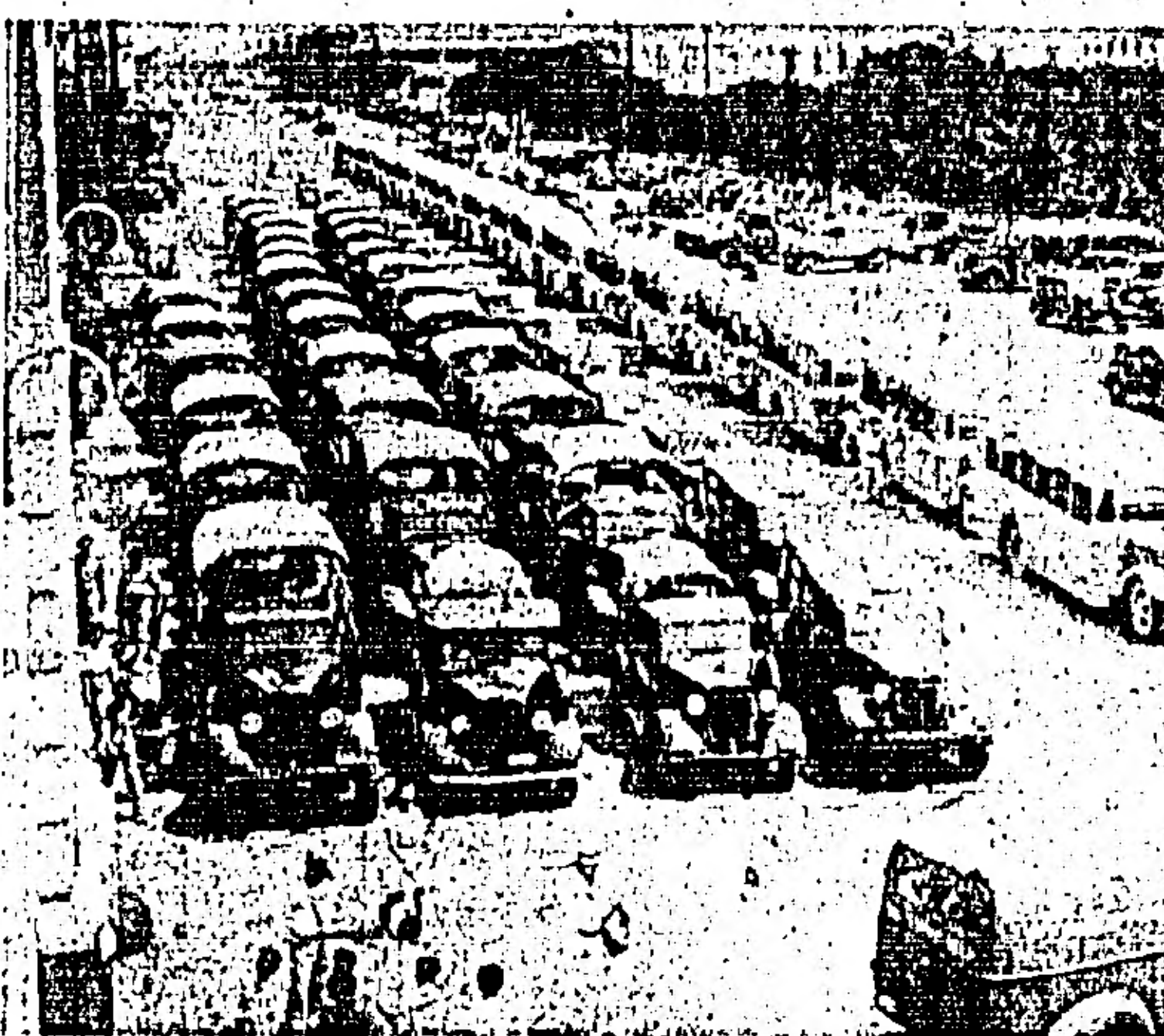
Through the courtesy of the "United Press Association" the "Telegraph" publishes the first photographs of the arrival of our women and children in Manila after last week's mass evacuation by the Empress of Asia and the Empress of Japan.

In all the turbulent hundred years of Hongkong's history as a Colony, evacuation of its women and children has never before been necessary.

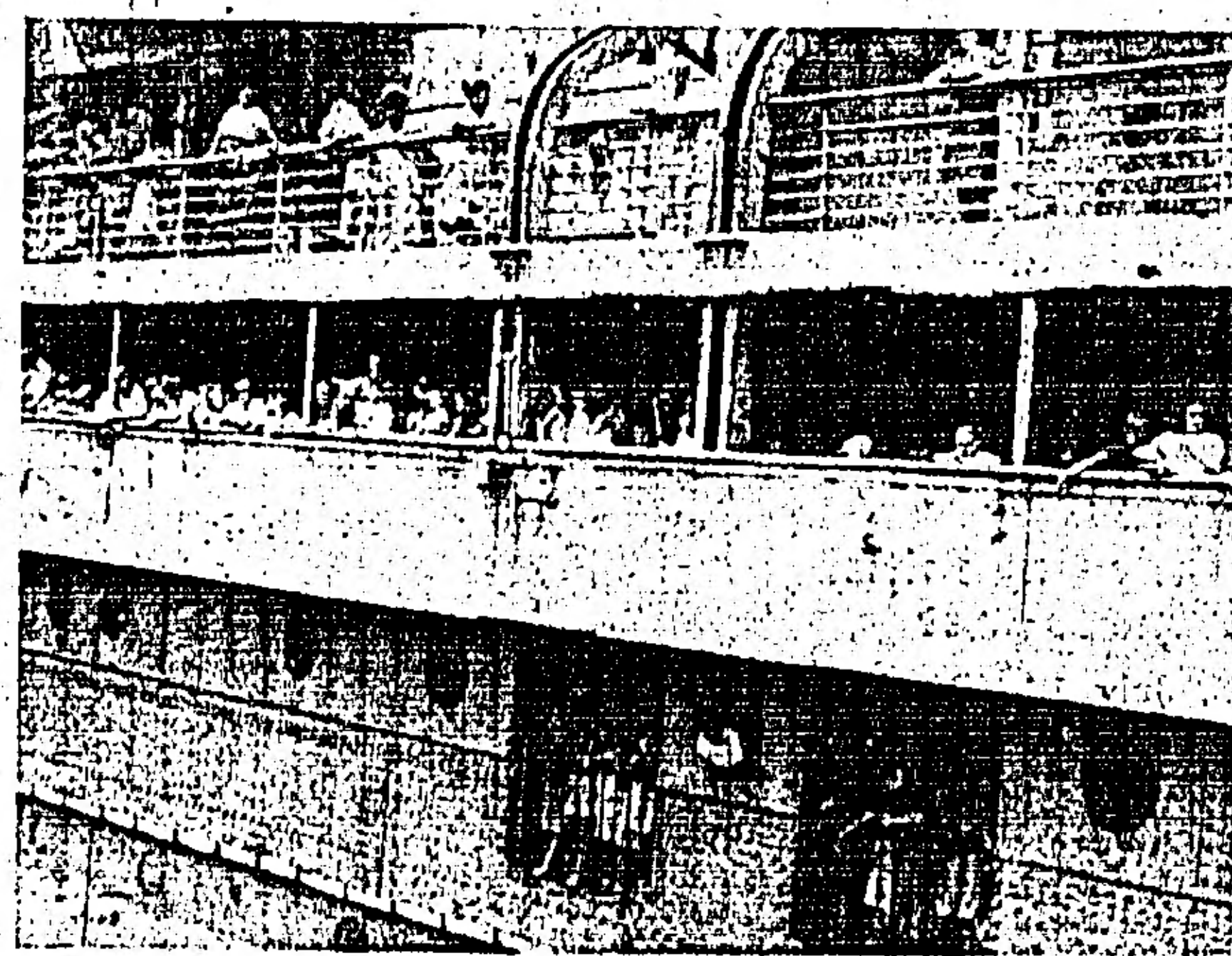
Even now, few if any people in Hongkong know why evacuation was ordered. The order was dictated by necessity and has been carried out by the women and children you see on these pages with splendid courage and faith.



THE EMPRESS OF JAPAN slowly moving in to its berth at Manila after the crossing from Hongkong.



END OF THE JOURNEY.—The two evacuees' photographs above were taken as the Empress of Japan came alongside at Manila pier. On the right are some of the refugees looking down on the wharf while on the left are the fleet of buses and cars waiting to take them to their new homes.



TWO SMILING mothers cheerfully face the photographer after the journey across the China Sea. Most of the mothers aboard the two Empress liners realised that, although quarters were cramped, everything possible was done for their comfort.



ANOTHER FAMILY disembarks, the little girl in the lead tightly clutches her teddy bear.



MOVING DOWN the gangway this young Hongkong mother with her baby is walking down to a waiting U.S. Army bus, which quickly whisked her off to her quarters at Fort McKinley.



AN AMERICAN Red Cross nurse helps a mother carry her infant down the gangway. Evacuees are unanimous in their praise of the work of the Red Cross in Manila.



"NO, I can manage, thanks!" says a helper who brings one of the infant evacuees down the gangway of the Empress of Asia.



HOW to HAVE a CINEMA SMILE

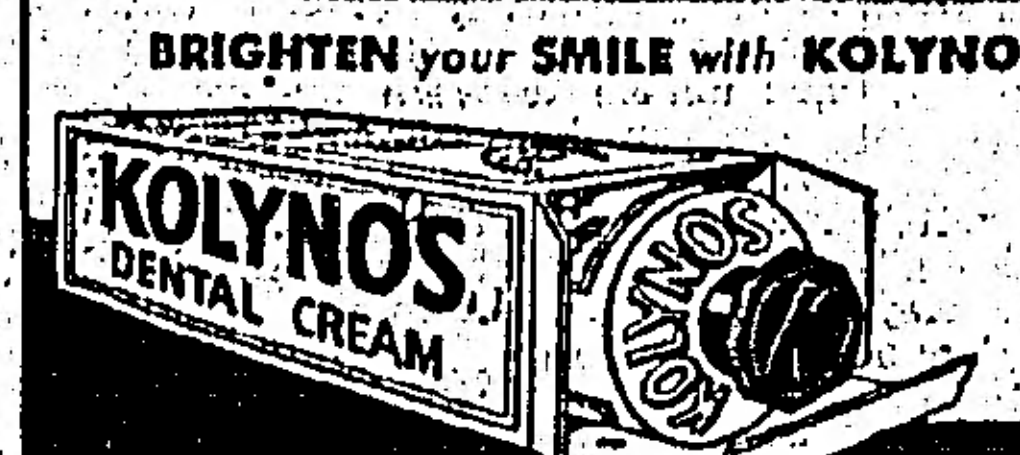
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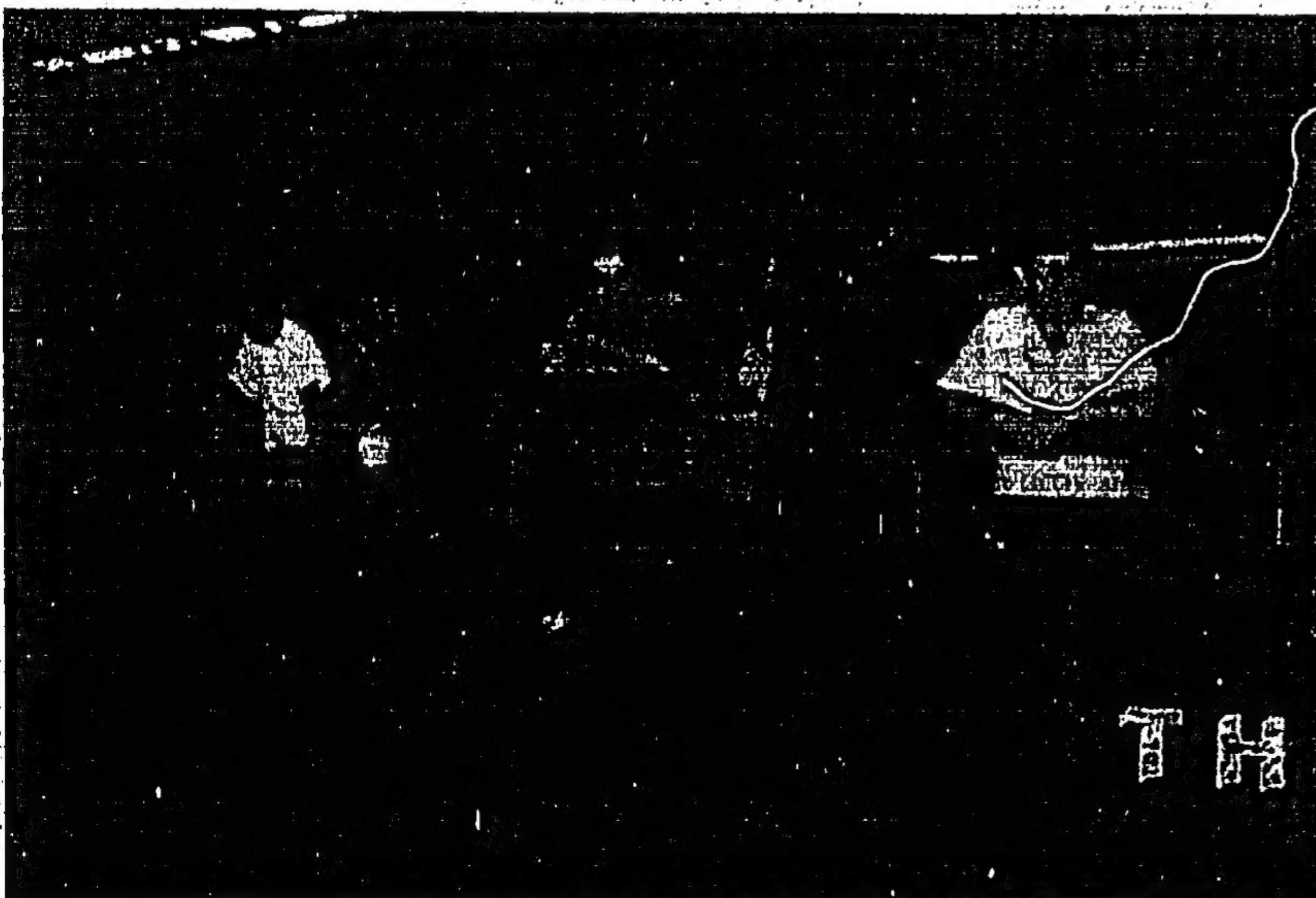




TWO BROTHERS, still wearing their Hongkong sun helmets despite the pouring rain that greeted the evacuees, display interest in the photograph, probably one of the first using flash light bulbs they have seen.



IT COULD almost be the C.B.S. bus taking the kiddies to school in Kowloon. Instead, they are leaving the wharf at Manila for their new home at Fort McKinley.



ANOTHER group of evacuees en route to the Philippines mountain resort at Baguio. Approximately 600 Hongkong people are being cared for there.



A UNITED States Army officer helps some of the evacuees with their luggage. Together with the American Red Cross, the U.S. Army merited high praise from the Hongkong people for their splendid work in helping the evacuees ashore.



"LOOK AT the birdie," says a friend who met this Hongkong youngster on arrival but the kiddie isn't interested—he wants his mother.



THE ONLY luggage carried by majority of the evacuees was one small suitcase each, their other luggage going down in the ship's holds. They found it waiting for them at their quarters at Fort McKinley when they arrived there.

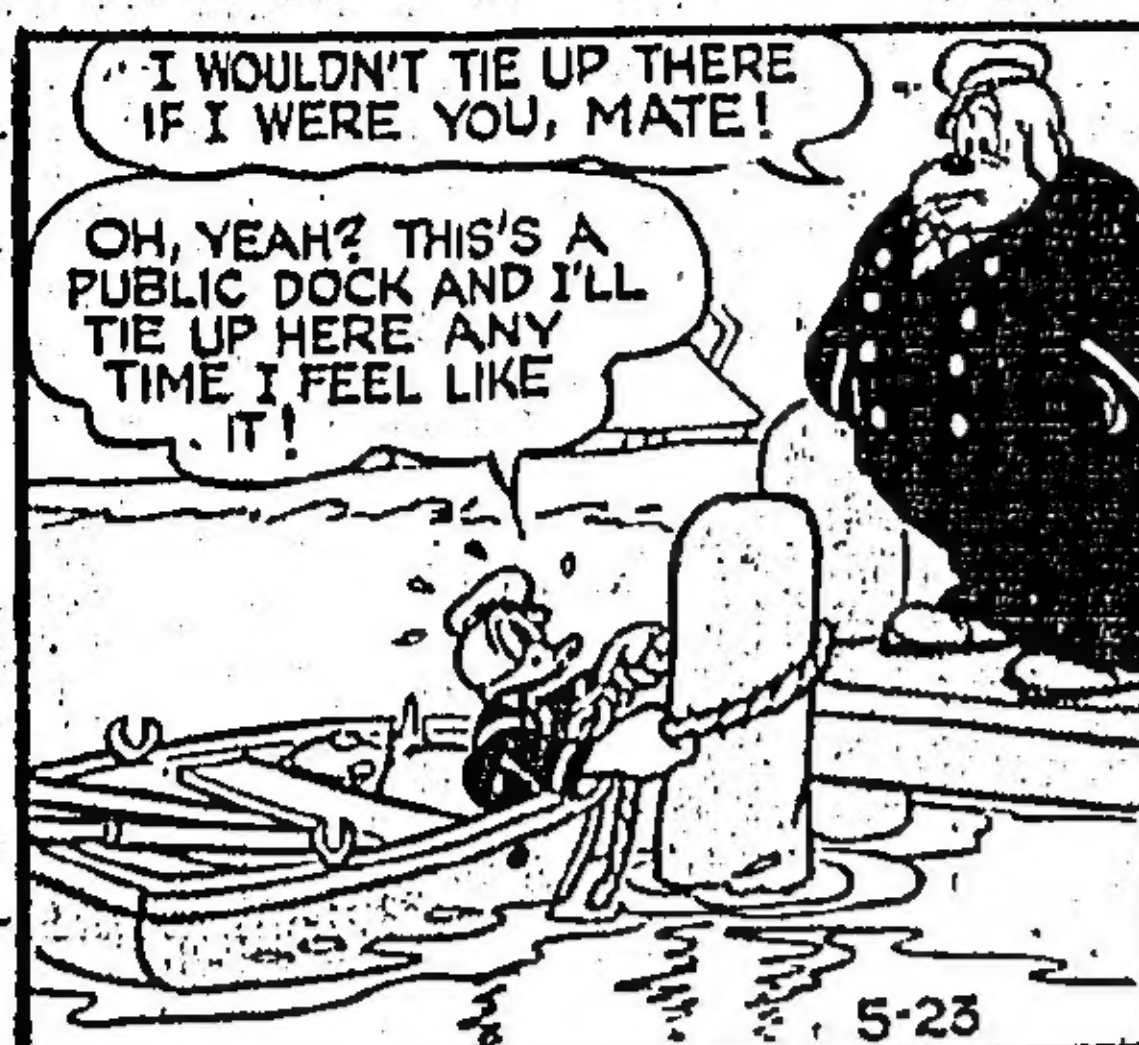


IT'S A strange new world for the two Hongkong youngsters, one of whom clutches tightly at his mother's hand. In the background a U.S. Army nurse assists another mother ashore.



MANY OF the evacuees proceeded to Baguio, the well-known Philippines mountain resort. This photograph shows one such group. One of the ladies hides her head from the photograph. Newspaper photographers in Manila were rather puzzled at the attitude of some of the Hongkong ladies, who refused to be taken by the camera.

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By Walt Disney

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Peace Pledge Union Defence

EVIDENCE in their defence was given at Bow Street recently by officials of the Peace Pledge Union. They are charged under the Defence (General) Regulations with endeavouring to cause among persons in his Majesty's service disaffection likely to lead to breaches of their duty.

The defendants, who pleaded not guilty, were:

Alexander Wood, university lecturer at Cambridge, and chairman of the National Council and Executive Committee of the Union; Morris Rowntree, national treasurer; Stuart Morris, national secretary; John Barclay, of Ellerton Road, S.W., national group organiser; Wandsworth; Ronald Henry Smith, of Courtland Road, S.E., group leader of the Forest Hill branch, and Sidney Todd, of Bodicote, Oxford, a schoolmaster and a group leader.

Meaning Of The Poster

Wood, Rowntree, Morris and Barclay were also summoned for having under their control documents of a nature that their dissemination among members of his Majesty's service would constitute a contravention of the Regulations.

At the last hearing the Attorney-General (Sir Donald Somervell) said the prosecution was based on a poster issued by the Peace Pledge Union, which read: "War will cease when men refuse to fight. What are you going to do about it?"

Sir Robert Dummery, the magistrate, referring to the poster, said: "Quite frankly, I cannot conceive of anybody thinking for one moment that the poster did not mean that soldiers should refuse to fight."

Inappropriate

Alexander Wood, the first defendant, giving evidence, said he thought the poster was inappropriate at the present moment. He would be prepared to press for its withdrawal.

Mr. Rowntree said he was a member of the Society of Friends. He had no intention of persuading soldiers to an attitude of disaffection. The poster was clumsy and he would not wish to put it forward.

He felt himself that the only condition under which men could fight is by lay down their arms was the conviction that it was the better way to deal with injustice than by violent methods.

Quislings Not All Men With A Past

A man's previous good character is not proof that he is not a Fifth Columnist, said Sir Gerald Rensell, the West London magistrate, recently. "We know from bitter experience," said Sir Gerald, "that people with good characters can suddenly turn out to be unreliable and disloyal."

Before the court was Wilfred James Chambers, 35, a clerk employed by Fulham Food Control Committee, who was bound over on a charge of being in possession of a gas gun and three live cartridges.

The gun, the size of a fountain pen, was capable of discharging gas or ammonia.

Peace Pledge Men Sent To Gaol

Sentences of five weeks' imprisonment were passed recently by Mr. L. R. Dunne, Marylebone magistrate, on Albert Densen Rowland, a 21-years-old window cleaner, of Torquay-street, Paddington, and John Edward Adkins (20), a Post Office engineer, of Lushington-road, Harelesden, two members of the Peace Pledge Union.

They were arrested when distributing pamphlets in Westbourne Park-road, Paddington, and charged with insulting behaviour.

Some of the people who were given sentences showed resentment, and one man said, "You ought to be shot."

Both men, it was stated, were conscientious objectors.

STUDENTS WROTE "HEIL HITLER," GAOLED

"I AM A FASCIST"

ARTHUR FOWDEN, 38, of Charlton-cum-Medlock, Manchester, was remanded in custody at Manchester recently on a charge of possessing firearms without a permit.

A detective said he found nine rounds of ammunition in a cupboard.

He questioned Fowden, who, he alleged, replied: "You have put it there. I suppose this is because I am a Fascist."

Put Label In Kiosk

—Say Police

PROPERTY and literature found among his belongings were the grounds on which the police opposed bail for a defendant at Westminster Police Court recently.

The man, William Saxon Steer, a 42-years-old violinist, of Child's-street, S.W., who was charged with affixing a label inside a telephone kiosk without permission, was accordingly remanded in custody.

"Drunk" Plea Fails To Save Youth Of 17

THREE STUDENTS, ONE AGED 17, PAINTED SWASTIKAS AND THE WORDS "HEIL HITLER" ON WALLS AT NEWNHAM, CAMBRIDGE.

Recently, at Cambridge, they were sent to prison. There were eight charges of willful damage against Brian Patrick Essay, aged 17, student of the London School of Economics, evacuated to Cambridge; Rusti Dhondy, aged 22, Queen's College undergraduate; and Jean Charles Taupin, aged 23, Belgian student, London School of Economics.

Dhondy and Taupin were sent to prison for two months on each of three charges. Essay for a month on each of three, all sentences to run consecutively.

They were alleged to have damaged shops, a car, the walls and gateway of Newnham College, and two girl students' bicycles. All pleaded guilty.

The defence asked the Bench to ignore the very serious political significance of the escape and to treat it as a drunken freak.

"Horribly Worried"

Dhondy, it was said, was an Indian. His Tripos exam finished, he became violently drunk, when he committed the offences.

Taupin had left wife and two children in Brussels. Since the invasion, he had been "horribly worried," and had given way to drink.

Essay joined the others in the drinking bout.

29 ALIEN NURSES ARE INTERNERD

From One Hospital

TWENTY-NINE nurses from the German Hospital, Dalston, London, E., have been sent to internment camps at Port Erin, Isle of Man. They will probably be allowed to continue work—nursing other aliens.

Forty detectives arrived at the hospital without warning to make the arrest.

"They were very considerate," the assistant secretary said. "They did not take away the essential sisters until we had time to replace them."

"We are now trying to get together a staff of British nurses. We have got about 12 so far."

Religious

"The interned nurses were members of a Protestant religious order. They never concerned themselves with politics."

"I think they will certainly keep on nursing. There are about 3,000 women here they are being interned. I am sure the authorities will welcome them."

Chest Opened

Mr. W. Loeffler, the secretary, a naturalised British subject for 20 years, said:

"A detective-inspector asked to see a big black chest in the consulting room. He explained that a letter had been sent to Scotland Yard stating that the chest was full of munitions."

"It was opened for him. It contained only plaster of paris."

The German Hospital takes patients of all nationalities and creeds, and has doctors of different nationalities.

Girl Told "You're A Traitor"

Arrested after a man to whom she handed a Communist leaflet in Southampton-row had called her a "traitor," Dora Ann Gollins, alias Collins, a 25-years-old secretary, of Cornhill-street, W.C.1, was fined 40s. with 2s. costs at Clerkenwell Police Court for using insulting behaviour.

BEATING NAZIS IN DIVING SUITS

(Continued from Page 6.)

fathoms (2,400ft.) of steel cable with a breaking strain of 90 tons to pull her off.

Sometimes when a holed ship lies as a dead weight on the bottom they have to sink great steel pontoons on either side of her, pass hawsers under her hull, and blow out the pontoons with compressed air so that each drags upward with a 1,500-ton pull.

A nasty job this, as you may learn from any diver who has been trapped by a fall of sand and mud while tunnelling with a "water-pressure gun" under a sunken ship.

The destroyer Gipsy, sunk by mine last November off the East Coast with her back broken, was recently lifted by pontoons and towed ashore in a cradle of cables until she beached.

COMMANDER SMITH boasts with truth that he will raise any ship which is ramable, even if it is only to have her cut apart by blowlamps for scrap. The only wrecks he ignores are those with more than 20ft. of water above them. His units are busy enough with shallow-water jobs; the others can wait.

"Sometimes we have to call in outside help," he said, "as we did with the Baron Ruthven. She was torpedoed with 500 tons of Narvik ore aboard and went ashore off the mouth of the Tees. Her poop deck was right under water and the only chance of raising her was to unload at least 500 tons before we could make her buoyant."

Well, I had only eight men with me. So we rounded up 40 unemployed from Middlesbrough, and recruited another forty miners and went to work.

"The men lived aboard, with a steward and cook, unloading the ore in buckets. None of us changed clothes or shaved for a week. And the weather was so rough at the end that the men had to be landed again in life-boats. But we floated the Baron Ruthven."

As our motor-boat bucked ashore from the tanker Inverlane, one of the crew pointed to sea where, half a mile inshore from a convoy awaiting escort, two mine-sweepers patiently ploughed their beat.

Germanians had a mine-plane over the Holt-vessel, which was considerably reduced momentum. A number of junks were tied up to the Blue Funnel ship, and they hurriedly cut loose. It is believed that none of them was damaged.

The Holt-vessel steamed down the harbour after the collision, apparently not much the worse for the impact.

Fascists Had Army Uniform

Two members of the Imperial Fascist League were each sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. W. J. H. Broderick, the Clerkenwell magistrate, recently, for detaining and making away with military equipment and clothing.

They were Anthony William Gittens, aged 34, described as a food chemist, of Haverstock-hill, and George Reginald Yates, a 29-years-old clerk, of Lawford-road, Kentish Town.

Mr. Edward Clayton, for the Director of Public Prosecutions, said that detectives who were keeping watch on the headquarters of the League at Crogland-road, Chalk Farm, asked the men to account for the contents of a parcel which they were carrying.

Deserter's Uniform

They tried to break away and there was a struggle, but eventually the parcel was found to contain the uniform and equipment of a deserter from the Scots Guards, who was a member of the league.

For the defence, it was stated that the uniform and equipment had been left at the league's premises by the deserter.

When they heard of police raids on other premises of the league, Gittens and Yates decided that the best thing to do was to get rid of them as quickly as possible.

Detective-Inspector Godley said the Imperial Fascist League had been strongly suspected of anti-British activities for some time.

SHIPS COLLIDE

British Vessel Hits Another At Taikoo

A Blue Funnel liner of 7,700 tons gross was damaged yesterday afternoon in a collision which occurred when she was moving two hundred yards off Taikoo Dock. The ship had only just come out of dock and had taken on a large amount of cargo. She will almost certainly have to go into dock to receive attention to her plates on the starboard side just by the bridge.

The other ship involved in the collision was managed by Holt & Co., and is a slightly smaller vessel. She was proceeding from harbour towards Lyceumun Pass at a fair speed and apparently was steering across the bows of the Blue Funnel ship. The harbour is narrow, opposite Taikoo Dock, and there were several vessels in the vicinity, including a small British freighter entering the Dock.

The Master of the vessel under way realised that a collision was imminent, and dropped his starboard anchor, clouds of smoke streamed from the funnels as the ship straddled the cable. The current and the ship's way, however, were too powerful to enable the ship to stop dead. The port anchor was then dropped, but the bow of the Holt ship struck just forward of the bridge of the Blue Funnel ship, with considerably reduced momentum.

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The Rent Problem

To The Editor.
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—From about 1934 to July 1937, landlords in Hongkong and Kowloon had a very lean time of it and were glad to accept anything in the way of rental and were entirely at the mercy of tenants—then came the Japanese invasion of China and refugees poured into the Colony, rents soared high—the scene was changed—then there was a big hue and cry by everybody, including the Press, about landlords profiteering, till finally Government were forced to pass the Evictions Ordinance, which protected the tenants to almost an unfair degree. Now the scene changes again—tenants vacating premises, in many cases without even giving the months' notice required by law—tenants who do not vacate point the pistol at the landlords' heads "Reduce my rent immediately or I quit" sort of thing—the public agitating for Government to legislate so that leases can be terminated owing to the present state of emergency, and so we go on. If British justice is all that it claims to be and if the Press stands for fairplay and square dealing, is it too much to ask that something should now be done to protect the landlords, who are not responsible for the evacuation any more than the tenants are?

During the latter part of 1937 when people were clamouring for houses at any price, tenants who then had leases at depression rentals did not negotiate for leases to be terminated, nor did they offer to pay normal rentals, but just sat tight and chucked it at their good fortune. If a lease was binding then, surely it is equally binding now—is British law so flexible that it can be changed at will?

I understand that some landlords have already reduced rentals because the wives and/or families have been evacuated. Perhaps, Mr. Editor, you can tell us whether the maintenance of the evacuees is being borne entirely by the Government, or are the husbands being made to contribute towards this expense, which, after all, would be quite a fair thing since it provides safety for their families. I think the reduction in rents should be controlled by the Government on the basis of whether husbands are contributing towards the maintenance of their wives and/or families. Under the Evictions Ordinance the increase of rentals was fixed by Government and the reduction could be fixed fairly in the same way. With the War Tax Returns now in full the Government is in a position to decide whether or not a man is in a position to pay for the maintenance of his family and I should not be surprised if Government finds that at least 60 per cent. to 70 per cent. of the men can and should therefore be made to do so to lessen the heavy expenditure which Government is called upon to bear at this time. It seems logical to believe that if men are not paying for their wives and/or families, they must be saving on the monthly household expenses.

It seems to be the common belief that all landlords belong to the wealthy class and are therefore able to stand any monetary loss, but, as one of the very small fry, I assure you that this is not the case. That might apply to large property owners, but there are many working people who have invested their all in property, hoping for a regular income from this. The property might consist of one or two houses or a few Chinese flats, and these are the "landlords" who are badly hit at times like this. I personally am not affected at the moment, but I do know of a widow who owns a few flats, and all the tenants have vacated and she is left to wonder how long the flats will remain empty. She is entirely dependent on these flats for her income. We so-called landlords have no pensions to look forward to in our old age as have the Army, Navy and Government, and have to depend entirely on the houses or flats, so it is to be hoped that the Press and the Government will do something to protect this class of the community, who, after all, contribute to the revenue of the Colony and should not be entirely overlooked.

FAIR PLAY

NEED NOT PAY RENT People Who Leave Homes In Evacuated Areas

London, July 12. A regulation has been issued by which householders who leave areas declared to be evacuation areas to keep the new Defence Regulations will not be required to pay rent, rates, water, gas, electricity and telephone charges in respect of their locked-up homes.

Relief is also granted to people in such areas whose businesses have been affected.—British Wirefax.

JAPANESE PLAN SOUTHWARD DRIVE

The Shanghai Bureau of the United Press yesterday quoted a usually reliable Japanese source as declaring that the Japanese Army had finally persuaded the Navy to join a campaign for vigorous southward expansion embracing an intensified blockade of Hongkong looking toward its eventual occupation, armed occupancy of Indo-China, the taking over of foreign concessions and penetration of Borneo and the East Indies.

Preliminaries have already begun, declares the informant, with the recent friction concerning the Marines incident in Shanghai and the dissatisfaction at the Burma Road Note reply.

Mr. Arita, Japanese Foreign Minister, saw Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador, again yesterday in connection with the Burma Road Note. No decision was announced but it was stated that satisfactory progress had been made.

British authorities in Shanghai deny that notifications have been issued advising British women and children to prepare for evacuation.

A further meeting between American and Japanese army officials was held in Shanghai yesterday after the Japanese had described Col. Peck's reply to the Japanese protest as rather beside the mark. According to the Japanese they explained the actual circumstances of Sunday's incident to the Americans.

Shanghai, July 12.

A usually reliable Japanese source asserted to-day that the Navy had accepted the Army's programme for a vigorous southward expansion, even to the point of risking collision with American and British interests.

The Navy is reported to have agreed to the taking over of foreign concessions in China, an intensified blockade of Hongkong looking towards its eventual occupation, armed occupancy of Indo-China and the penetration of Borneo and the Netherlands East Indies.

According to the source approached, preliminaries have already been started with the building up of friction in Shanghai and by discussion with the Indo-China adjustments and the Burma Road controversy. The Marine incident was a trial balloon in order to judge American opinion.

Further moves, said the source, could be expected when the new Cabinet had been organised, when stronger policies would be adopted. The Navy had previously rejected the Army's suggestions for attacks on the Indies and Indo-China, but the Army had finally convinced it that the southward programme would precipitate Chiang Kai-shek's capitulation. Meanwhile, they would be taking advantage of the situation to gain long-sought objectives.

The source said that foreign policies were linked with the domestic situation, which was recently settling with demands that Japan ignore Britain and America and seize the initiative, declared the informant.—United Press.

Craigie Sees Arita

Tokyo, July 12. The British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, had a two-hour interview with the Foreign Minister, Mr. Arita, to-day on the Burma Road question. A Foreign Office spokesman said satisfactory progress was made.

London reports that Sir Robert will shortly be instructed to display greater amenability to the Japanese demands.—United Press.

Shanghai Report Denied

Shanghai, July 12. The British Embassy to-night issued a statement denying reports that notifications had been issued that the British were preparing to evacuate women and children and stores.

Asked to-night whether the Japanese considered the Shengking incident closed, a Japanese naval spokesman said that the matter was not yet perfectly closed. He stated that the ammunition taken from the ship was now in the custody of the Japanese Navy.—Reuter.

America—Japan

Washington, July 12. It is certainly the earnest hope of the American Government that the present difficulty in Shanghai can be amicably settled on the spot. Officials here are careful to say nothing likely to aggravate the situation, but the agitation against America has been artificially worked up, no one here doubts.

There is plenty of information from first class sources here that Germany has been extremely active diplomatically in Tokyo, using every persuasion to get Japan into the war on the side of the Axis in order to embarrass Britain and grab any or all of the British, French and Dutch possessions in the Pacific area.

It is not suspected here that Berlin would intend Japan to keep all she thus might get, and possibly this is also realised in Tokyo, for information from diplomatic sources is that Japan so far has been very cautious in limiting herself to seeing how far France, Britain and America can be bluffed.

With France under the Nazi heel, bluff over the Indo-China railway has succeeded, but it seems to have failed with British over the Burma road, while at Shanghai American feeling is now being tested. Washington is watching with keen interest Japan's new move, as it is expected that bluff will fail both with Britain and America.

Naval Position

With the German fleet still in port and Italy's running for cover, there is little likelihood of the American battle fleet leaving the vicinity of Hawaii. Strategic experts point out that if the Japanese Navy goes adventuring in the Netherlands East Indies and Malaya, it might at least be inconvenient to find a more powerful fleet between the scenes of those adventures and the Japanese Navy's new base in Japan, for the Stars and Stripes still fly in the Philippines.

Finally it has been made clear by the Department of State that the Secretary by President Roosevelt's last week-end was a statement of policy, whereas the statement by Mr. Cordell Hull last Friday was definitely United States policy.

In his statement Mr. Cordell Hull declared there has been no recession from the American position that any transference of territory in the Western Hemisphere from one European Power to another would not be tolerated. The Monroe Doctrine had no connection with the fact that certain European countries held American territories, while others did not. It was solely a policy of self-defence intended to preserve the independence and integrity of the Americas. The United States pursued a policy of non-participation and non-involvement in the purely political affairs of Europe, and she would continue her co-operation with all other nations whenever their policies made it possible.—Reuter.

Shanghai Incident

General Saito, of the Japanese Army, to-day described Colonel Peck's reply as rather beside the mark. Army officers therefore explained the actual circumstances to the Marine Staff this morning. He said the negotiations were strictly confidential.

The newspapers Tairiku Shimbun and the Shin Shun Pao have abandoned their violent anti-American tone, and are predicting a settlement of the incident to-day.—United Press.

A Central News message from Shanghai says that anti-American posters have been put up at different places.

Copies of the American-owned Evening Post & Mercury carried through the Hungio area were seized by Japanese gendarmes on Thursday. The paper has reported the incident to the American Consulate-General.

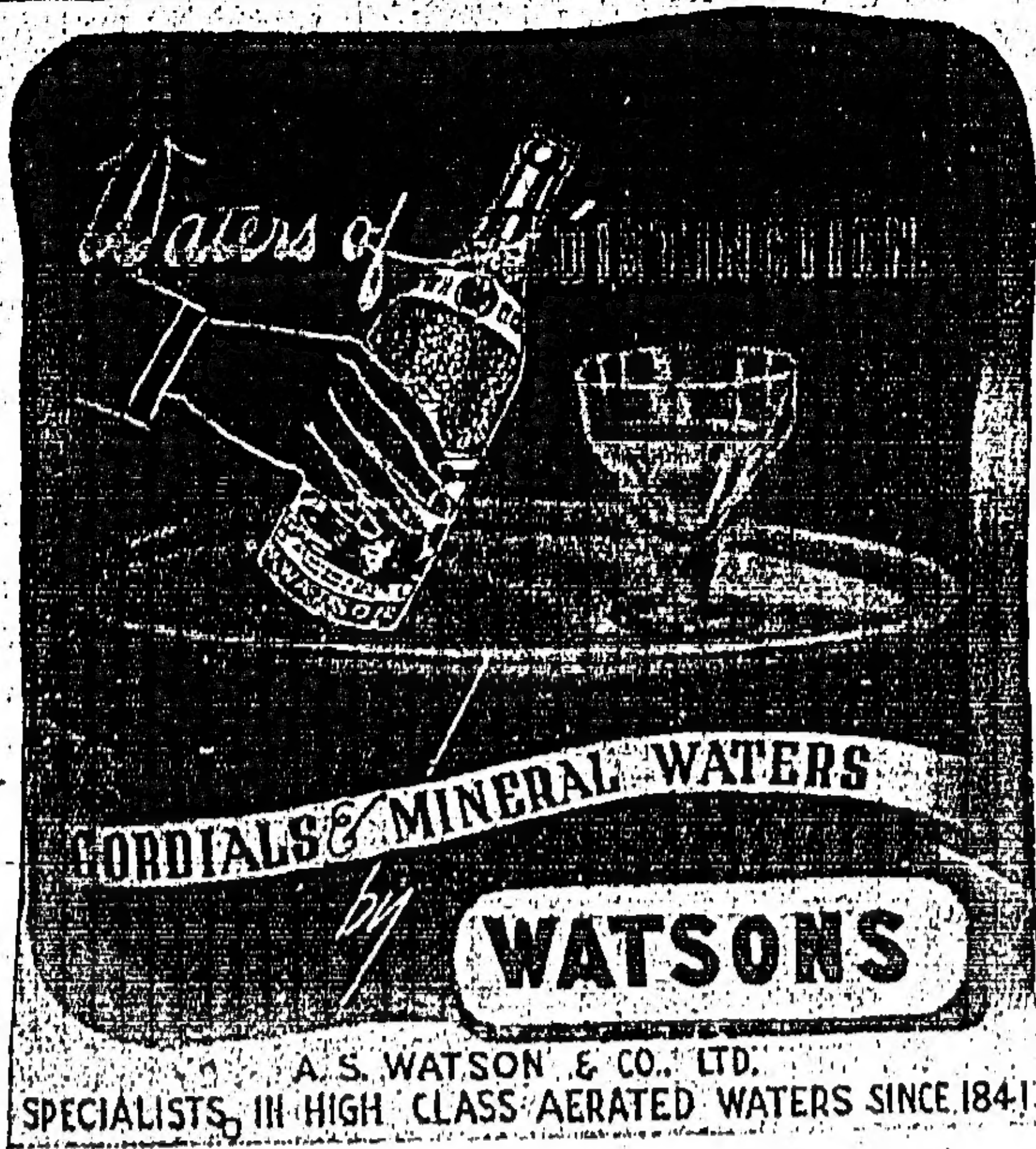
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DEATH

GILLESPIE. On Saturday, July 13, 1940, at No. 10 The Peak, Elsie Elizabeth Gillespie, the beloved mother of Mrs. J. T. Dupuy. Funeral to-day at the Colonial Cemetery (Stubbs Road entrance) at 5.30 p.m.

The Hongkong Telegraph

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Shopkeepers

EUROPE'S earlier Hitler, the Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte, called us, in the bitter anger of defeat, "a nation of shopkeepers." He had reason for his rage. His invincible armies and inspired marshals had rolled at his feet the crowns of Germany, Spain, Italy, and Austria. Subservient deputies had set on his brow the crown of France, but between him and what was in effect world domination stood—just a nation of shopkeepers in a foggy, grey island across the Channel.

To-day the page of history turns, and as Hitler stares out across a trembling world he sees once more the nation of shopkeepers putting their shop in order.

This time Britain herself is turning shopkeeper. She is taking charge of the job of feeding her 45,000,000 people. First of all a national register was taken. Then there was the distribution of ration books to every man, woman, and child within her shores.

Despite the recent immense movements of population, plans have been made which this task was done swiftly and easily. Eighty million ration books were distributed. Butchers' meat, bacon, ham, butter, margarine, cooking fats, and sugar were the first foods to be rationed. There are ample supplies in Britain to provide all necessities and even luxuries for many months, and food shops are arriving from overseas in increasing numbers despite a few sinkings.

Food ship losses have not been anything like as great as they were in the last war. During the last war U-boats cost us over 9,000,000 tons of shipping, and other nations, neutrals and combatants, lost 6,000,000 tons. The Lusitania, Britannic, Laurentic, Oceanic, and Carpathia were among the victims.

The foundations of the immense national food machine now run by the State were laid long ago on the lines of our experience in the last war with Germany. Experts representing the great importers, the distributors, the powerful wholesalers and retailers and the consumers got together to discuss ways and means. It was decided to fix the prices of all

THE NAVY is at home at PORTSMOUTH

PORTSMOUTH has been the traditional home of the British navy for generations.

At Sally Port, just inside the entrance to the narrow neck of the famous harbour, where Nelson and many other gallant admirals embarked to join their picturesquely old "Wooden Walls", one can call up the past and relive more than a thousand years of Britain's naval history.

The geographical surroundings of the port have changed very little: it is the ships that have been ever-changing in type and tonnage with the evolution of naval architecture.

The general contour of the scene, with the beautiful Isle of Wight a few miles seawards, across historic Spithead, has altered very little since 501 A.D., the first recorded date of the beginning of this ancient naval port.

During that year a watcher on the foreshore would have seen two tiny galleys sailing over the rim of the Channel horizon and eventually landing on the shores of the harbour. They were commanded by Porth and his two sons, Bleda and Maegla, who founded the settlement called Portes Mutha, or Portsmouth.

ROMAN galleys had discovered the harbour long before this time, sailing to its upper reaches and establishing themselves at Porchester where they built a castle and fort which stands well preserved to-day.

In the third and fourth centuries the harbour attracted ships belonging to races inhabiting the shore across the Channel; and history records that Carausius, a Belgic seaman, arrived in Spithead with a fleet as early as 286 A.D. and fought an engagement with Roman galleys sheltering in the harbour.

Hundreds of years after this event Portsmouth became the centre of many stirring sea battles against invaders from Europe. It was King Alfred who first realised the necessity of a navy, and in 875 A.D. laid the foundations of a fine fleet which won its first battle against the Danish Longships twenty years later in Spithead. Alfred's stout ships built of Hampshire oak won the day. Portsmouth became the home of the navy.

THE fame of the port was enhanced during the Norman invasion, when King Harold fitted out a fleet of ships.

Since that time the naval port has always had an intimate connection with the Crown, and outside London no other city is more visited by Britain's Royal House. In those days it was known as the "King's Port" as Royalty embarked and disembarked there either to battle with or to visit overseas neighbours.

The first really big fleet to leave Portsmouth sailed under Richard I. essential foods at the outbreak of the war.

Prices have not risen and supplies will not run out. We have already seen to that. Arrangements have been made with thousands of Local Authorities all over Great Britain and food centres are already being set up to guard against the danger of actual invasion.

Divisional Food Commissioners supervise the committees and advise them, and a legal staff takes charge of prosecutions against those who refuse to obey the new laws drafted for the nation's safety and to ensure that the poor man gets as much food as the rich one.

Coeur de Lion in 1194. Commanding a fleet of a hundred ships, the King sailed from the port to the Mediterranean to fight in the Crusades, and the Portsmouth Borough Arms—the star above a crescent—is emblematic of Richard's victories.

ON the harbour's north shore is the Royal Dockyard, the Commonwealth's most important naval arsenal, where the first dock was dug as far back as 1212.

This dock was a primitive tidal creek, the mouth of which exists to-day in the Gun Wharf and is in constant use by small naval craft. Compared with the great graving docks in the modern dockyard, which could hold a battleship up to 60,000 tons, this early creek was only a mud berth. Here a ship was propped up by means of tree trunks, and the entrance of the creek blocked with brushwood and leads of clay and stones as a barrier against the flooding tide, thus enabling the ship to be more or less high and dry.

When the fame of Portsmouth became known in Europe the port became a centre for attack; even in those early days it was recognised that the power which conquered Britain's navy would command the Channel and its trade. The port was attacked, burned and sacked five times in a hundred and twenty years. It was not till 1445 that a more friendly atmosphere reigned, and peace eventually established through the marriage of the French Princess Margaret of Anjou, who landed at Portsmouth, with King Henry VI.

Fortifications of the port were strengthened and the dockyard more firmly established during the reign of Queen Elizabeth when Britain's sea-power showed remarkable progress. The navy continued to prosper and many of the largest war vessels were built in the dockyard. During the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries Portsmouth played a major part in building ships which laid the foundations of the Commonwealth. Britain attained mastery of the seas through the gallantry of Admiral Lord Nelson at Trafalgar, and has retained it ever since in the service of peaceful progress amongst the nations of the earth.

SINCE Nelson's time, through another century of amazing economic expansion, Portsmouth has seen Britain's sea-power grow from strength to strength.

The Great War found the British navy invincible: the present war is enhancing its unbeaten prestige now it has become the British Commonwealth's navy. Centuries' old Portsmouth is still the navy's home, and the Commander-in-Chief holds his flag aboard Nelson's old sailing ship, H.M.S. Victory, now permanently berthed in the Royal Dockyard.

B.B.C. Programmes: No Change

B.B.C. programmes will be confined to news only if the need arises, but there is no prospect of that happening in the near future.

Most French wireless stations have already ceased broadcasting musical and theatrical programmes and are confining their broadcasts to news and eye-witness accounts of war events.

An official at the B.B.C. told the Sunday Dispatch: "Our programmes are arranged for weeks in advance, and there is no indication of their being changed."

Secretary Held On Documents Charge

Appearing on remand at Clerkewell on a charge of having in his possession documents containing information which might be useful to the enemy, Frank Wheatley, aged 65, a secretary of M(General) Fulham, was remanded in custody for a further week.

He was arrested outside the offices of the Imperial Fascist League in Crogslond-road, Chalk Farm, N.W.

FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



"Her fiancé leaves her here when he's out of town!"

BEATING THE NAZIS IN DIVING SUITS

THE tanker Inverlane, or what was left of her, lay fast on the bottom two miles from shore. The torpedo had sheared off her stern, leaving the engine-room jaggedly open to the sea. Her bottom plates were split so that the water had risen in her great tanks, which still held 1,500 tons of heavy oil. The high tide washed her main deck. Her steel super-structure was twisted fantastically by fire.

"Pretty, eh?" said the Admiralty Salvage officer with uniform buried under two boiler suits, who led me skiddingly round the Inverlane's oil-slicked decks. "Just a hull to be blown up as a danger to navigation in normal times. But now, well that oil will be in storage ashore in a few days, and by the time your article appears the Inverlane will be in dry dock and the construction chaps will be deciding whether they can fit a new stern to her and send her to sea again. Anyway, she won't be wasted, even if she goes for steel scrap."

I had gone up to watch the North-East section of the Admiralty Salvage Department at work. As in the last war, the Admiralty has taken over the country's existing salvage companies and set to work to salvage every hull, every cargo and every ton of scrap steel which can possibly be raised.

Last time they dealt with about 500 ships, worth with cargoes £15,000,000. This time—well, the North-East section alone, which stretches from Holy Island to Scarborough, has been to work on 20 ships already. A busy section this for torpedoes, bombs, mines and the hazards of an unlighted coast have been taken a heavy toll.

Our coasts are divided into seven sections. I WAS met by Commander C. F. Smith, R.N.R., who is Chief Salvage Officer of the section. In peace he travels all over the world on salvage jobs (ten months abroad out of 12 is his record), and during the last war he was in charge of our salvage in the Mediterranean.

His company, with a couple of divers, four pump men and an expert or two, are responsible for all salvage down a long stretch of North Sea coast. "You're lucky to have arrived just now," he said. "We've been held up by bad weather for the last week. Weather's our chief enemy. The Germans don't bother us much, though they fly over us some days. But to-day we may be able to reach the Inverlane—she's a typical salvage job for you—and take off 500 tons of oil."

The pump men with whom I went out to the wreck in a motor boat, which tried to submerge at every swell, put it another way. "You've certainly chosen a job! Bill here had three boiler suits on 'other day and still his pants were black with oil when he got home."

The Inverlane was oily all right, so that it wasn't an easy job jumping aboard from the hopper which heaved on the rollers beside her. But that wasn't the worst of her. I walked astern, over steel decks which had been stripped by fire of their wood planking, past the officers' saloon, where blackened furniture washed in a bilge of water and oil, past the steel walls of her bridge, bulged by the flames.

She came to an end abruptly, where the half-inch steel of her sides and decks had been shorn off by the torpedo's explosion.

Through a hatch I could see the

half of her engine-room, 20ft. deep in water, with loose pipes clanking as the swell washed in and out. A few hundred yards away lay the other half, a mass of plates and propellers and machinery just showing above the water.

"Lucky the bulkheads held," said the pumpman with me, "or we'd have had a devil of a job raising her. As it is, it won't be so hard. Come and look."

Forward they had opened up the heavy steel covers to the great oil tanks, lowered pipes, fixed the steam and air pumps, and already a stream of black oil, looking like heavy treacle, was cascading from two nozzles into the open bowels of the hopper alongside.

The hopper'll take 500 tons at a time, so we should get the lot off in three days. Then we'll just seal off the tanks, blow them up with compressed air, and tow her in."

THE oil cargo, lighter than water was "floating" in the tanks or the sea-water which had come in through the split bottom plates. As the oil was pumped off, sea water rose in its place, until eventually it would replace the oil. The next move would be to attach air-pipes to the closed—hatches and pump in air, forcing down the water again and turning the tanker into a giant diving-bell which would lift from the bottom despite the riven plates.

"The stern bit over there's no use. All twisted to bits. Have to blow it up. But we might get a stern on her in dock," said my guide. He went on to talk of the twin destroyers blown up in the last war and of how the salvaged stern of one was joined to the salvaged bows of the other: of the broken-backed Lochmoran, which had a new "tail-made" fore end 170ft. long fitted to her so that she measured within half an inch of her original length.

I talked to Commander Smith again later. He was just off to look at another ship sunk with 1,100 tons of steel cargo in Robin Hood's bay. "The Inverlane's a fairly simple job," he said, "her oil tanks are ready made air buoyancy tanks. But when you get a ship with all her bulkheads smashed open and her plates leaking it may take divers months to patch her up so that she can hold air and lift herself. Sometimes, when the mud has been stirred up, they have to work by touch alone. Can't see a yard."

"This steel ship, now. We may be able to raise her as she is. But if she's too smashed up we'll have to lift each bar of steel separately, with divers down below wrapping and tying, as it were, a mighty long, tedious job. But they need steel."

EACH sunken ship presents an individual problem to the salvage people. Sometimes it's just a matter of lowering submersible electric pumps into a ship's holds (wonderful engines, these, which run with the water all round their bearings) and pumping until she floats.

Sometimes you get a job like the 11,000-ton Danish motor-ship Canada mined last November at the mouth of the Humber. Only her upper works are above water.

Commander Smith's unit hoped to raise the Canada by building a huge "coffer-dam" structure upwards from her decks, so that her hull would extend above water, and then pumping her dry. That would have worked—if her cargo of soya beans had not swollen and burst apart her hull.

Sometimes brute force works, as it did when an armed trawler went on the rocks near Whitby. It took 400

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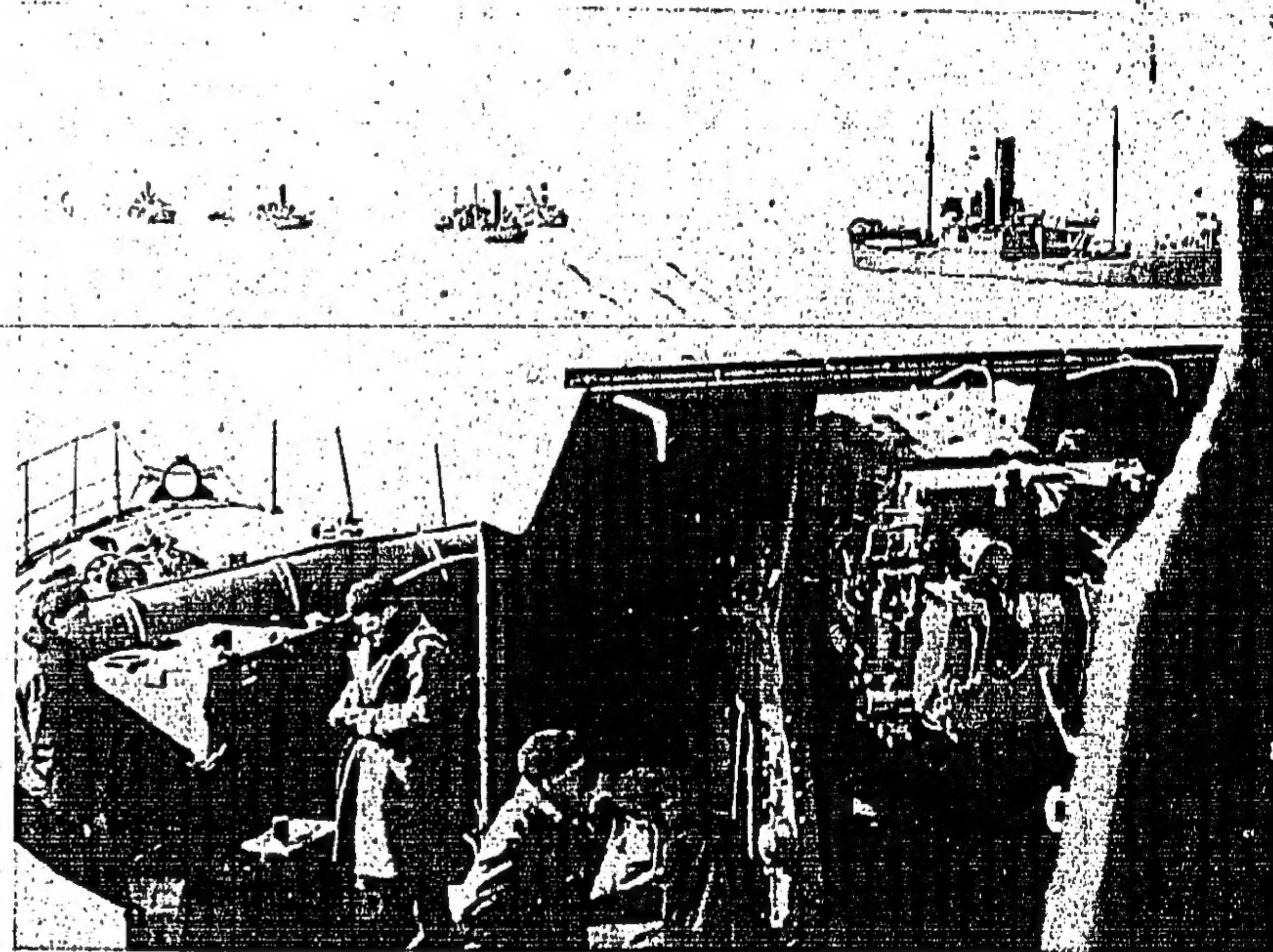
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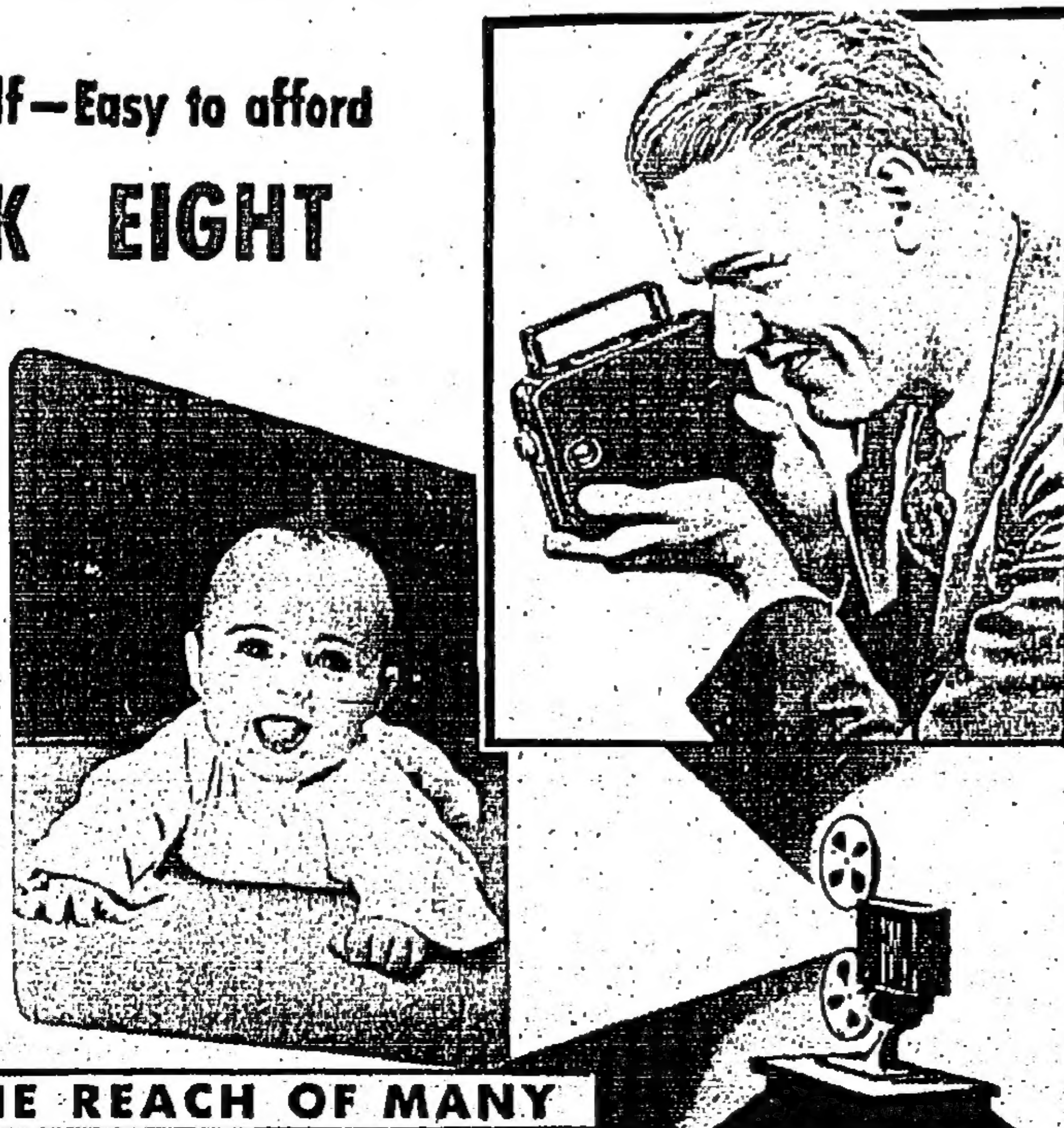
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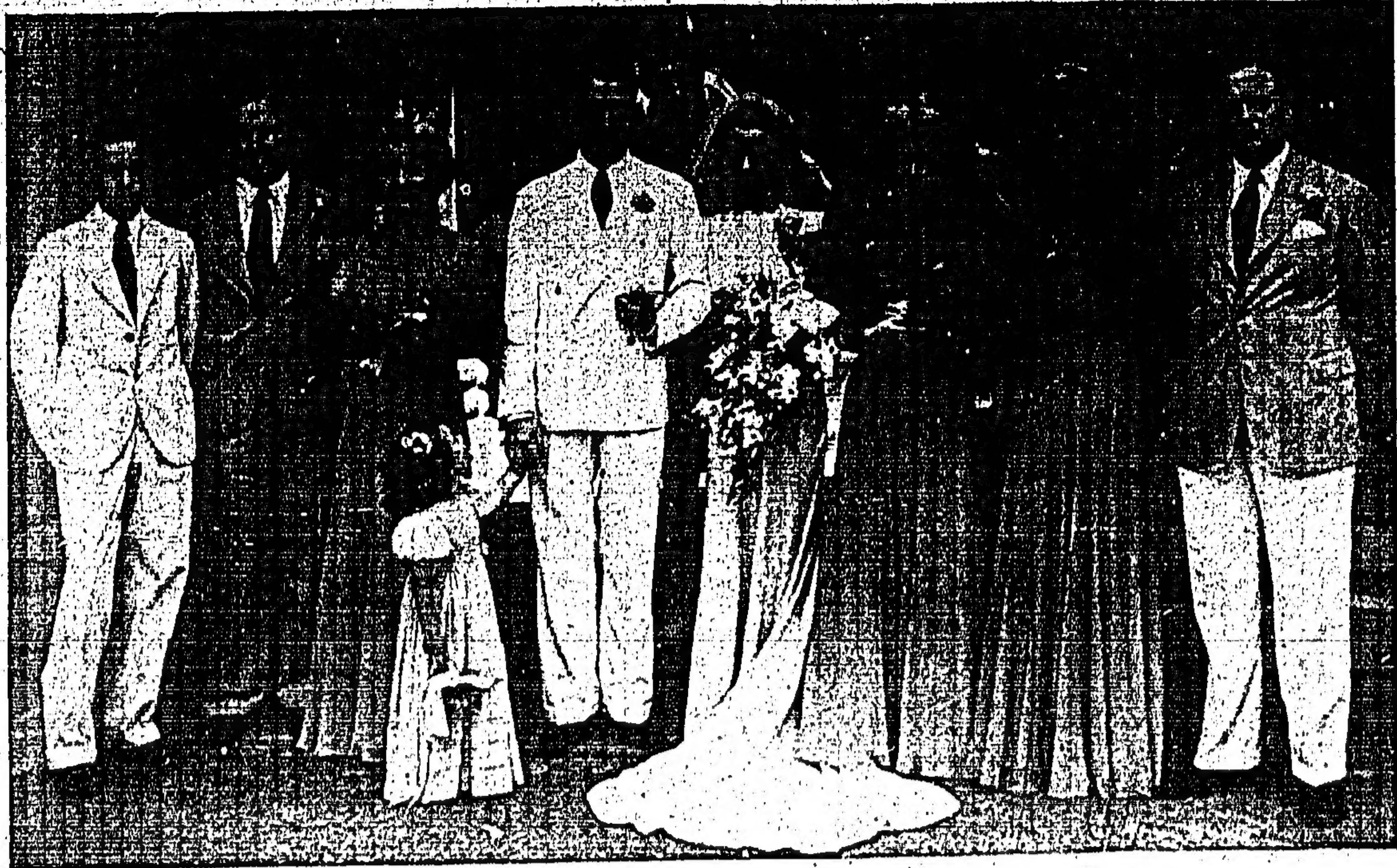


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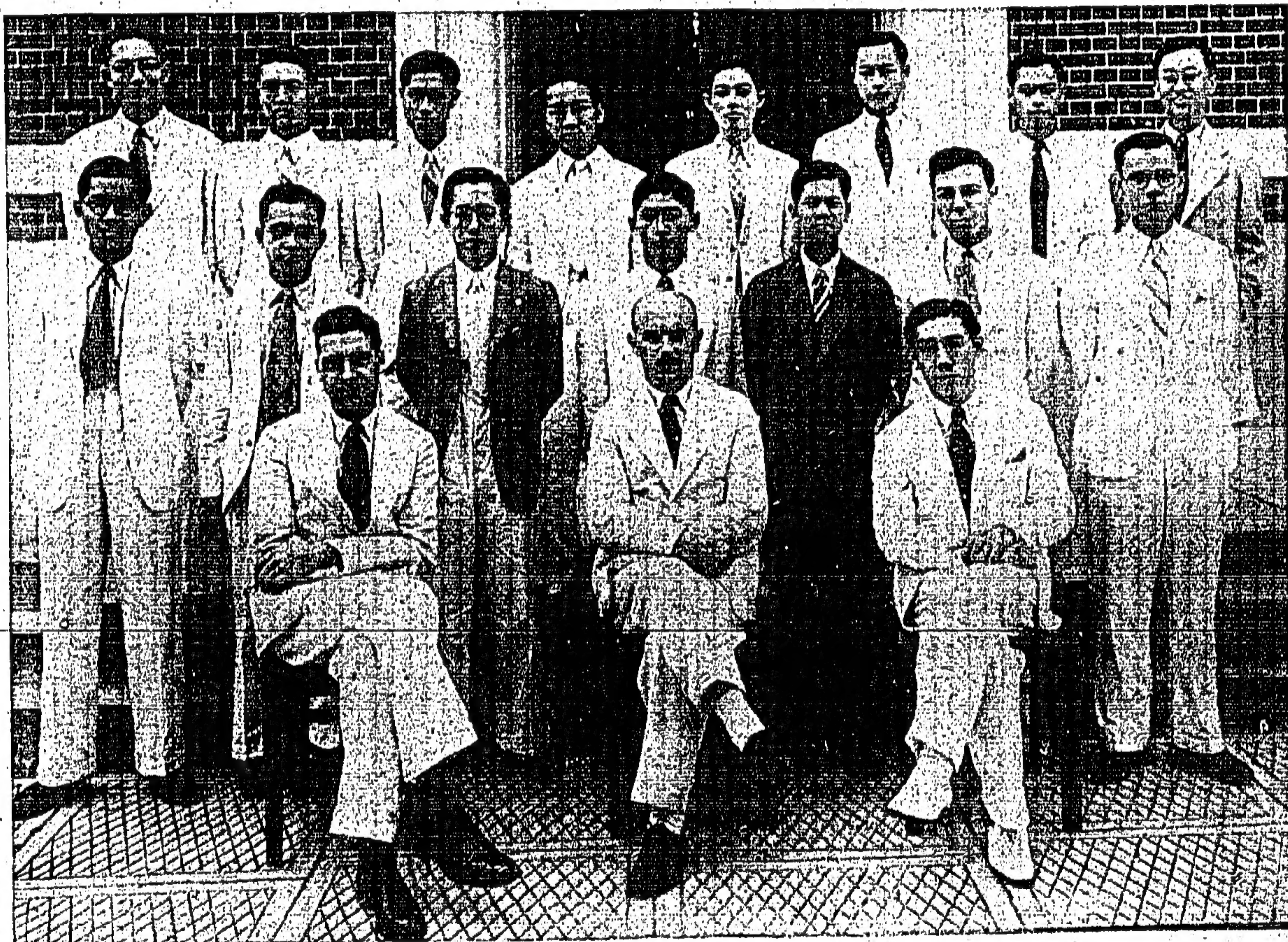
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One of the most interesting weddings of the week in Hongkong was that between Mr. R. A. Edwards and Miss G. K. Saunders. In the above pictures we see the bridal group after the ceremony and on the right, the bride entering the Hongkong Union Church on the arm of Lieut. T. Parkinson.—Ming Yuen.



The Wesleyan Methodist Church in Hongkong last week was the scene of the wedding of Mr. H. Roebuck and Miss B. D. Dobson. In the accompanying photograph we see the bride and groom emerging from the church after the ceremony.—Ming Yuen.



Current year students of the Government Trade School, photographed with the Principal, Mr. G. White.—Ming Yuen.

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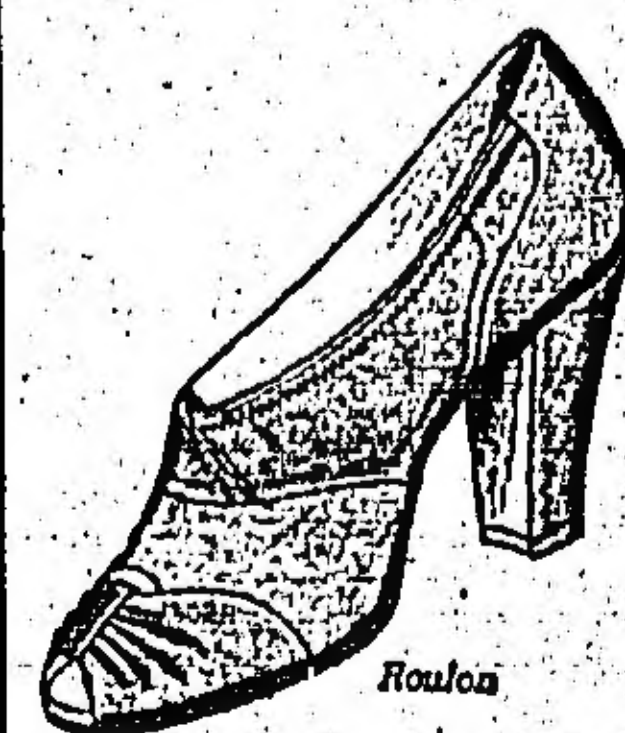
MEN'S WEAR SPECIALISTS



Bridesmaids at the Edwards-Saunders wedding last week were Miss Doris Brooks, Miss Wendy Anslow and little Florence Edgar, and here we see them in a charming study before the wedding took place.—Ming Yuen.



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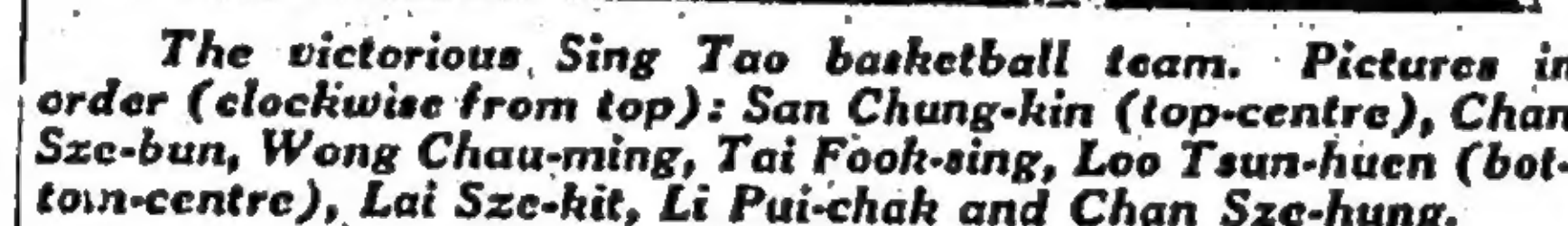


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Bright Array Of Chinese "Stars"

ANOTHER bumper tennis championship season—particularly in the men's singles and doubles departments—is in prospect this summer, reports the "Shanghai Sunday Times," as all of last year's outstanding Chinese stars, including V. T. Wang, Gordon Lum, Kho Sin-uei, Harry Li, T. C. Chang, "Poker" Tong, T. K. Leung and Tony Liang are in Shanghai again. Wang, Lum, Kho and Liang left the city last autumn but returned here in the spring to renew their association with local tennis circles.

Although the start of competition in the men's singles and doubles is still some weeks distant, and thus it has been difficult to ascertain the form of the above-mentioned players with any degree of accuracy, indications point to a season of unusually keen rivalry.

CHALLENGE TO CARSON

MANY experts, in fact, believe that Curson will have more difficulty than last year in retaining his singles title, while in the doubles championship the combination of Harry Li and V. T. Wang—who are expected to enter together this season—may easily upset the veteran pair of Curson and Saulres.

Although V. T. Wang is reported to be slowing up considerably in singles, his doubles game is still reliable, while Harry Li has been improving rapidly of late and may soon become the leading Chinese tennis star in the city.

Gordon Lum has been practising assiduously in recent weeks and hopes to be in first-class shape by the time the championships commence, while that old war-horse, T. C. Chang is as steady as ever. On his day T. C. is one of the most difficult players in Shanghai to beat, and many will recall how he extended Carson in the semi-finals of the singles championship two years ago.

A YOUNGER KHO

KHO Sin-uei is also another greatly improved player. The younger brother of Kho Sin-kle, the famous Davis Cup and International star, he is equipped with a wide range of strokes and only lacks tournament experience to become a top-ranking player. Many believe that he will reach the finals this year.

Add to this imposing array of talent such foreign stars as Humberto Collaco, "Dud" Squires, and J. G. Forbes, and it is apparent that some unusually keen and interesting tennis should be witnessed in the next two months.

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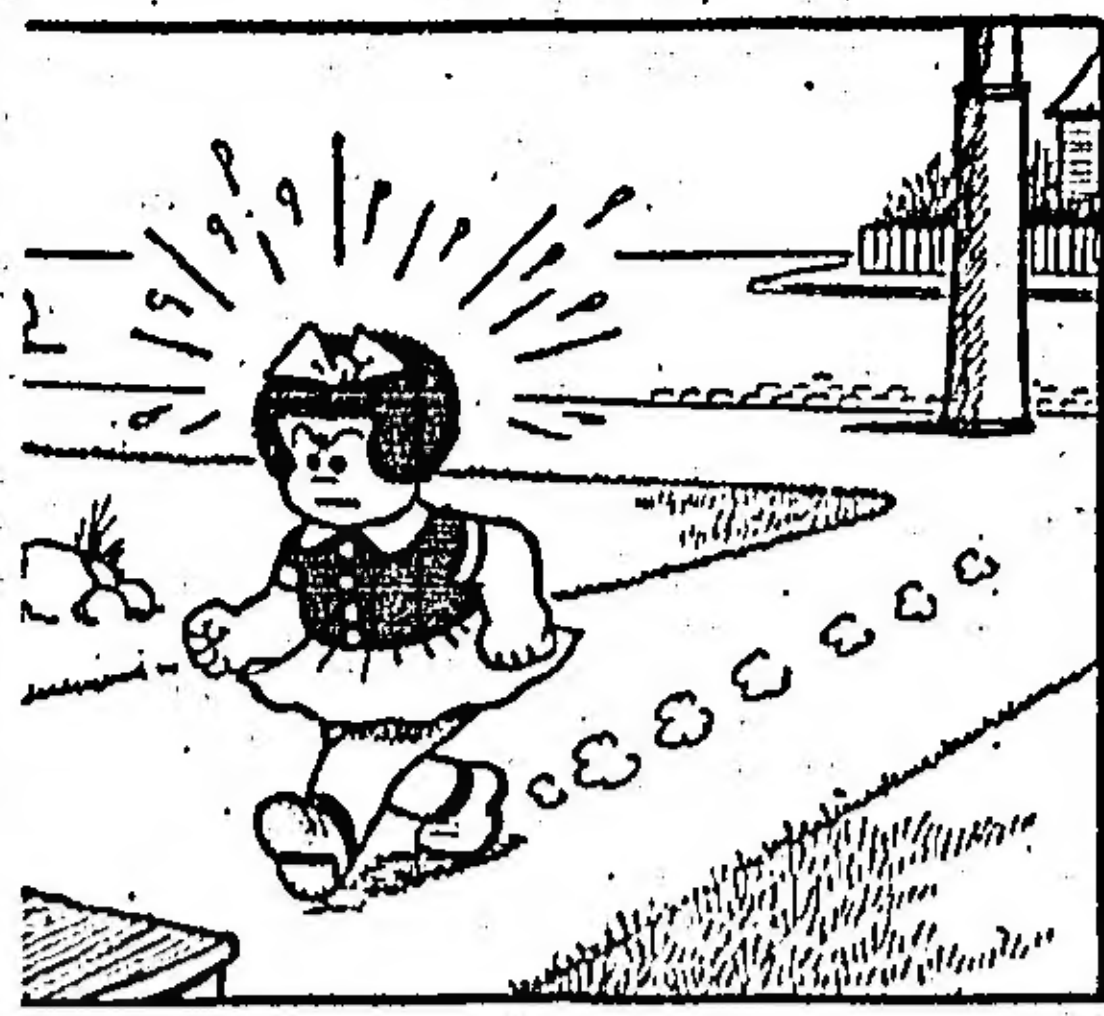
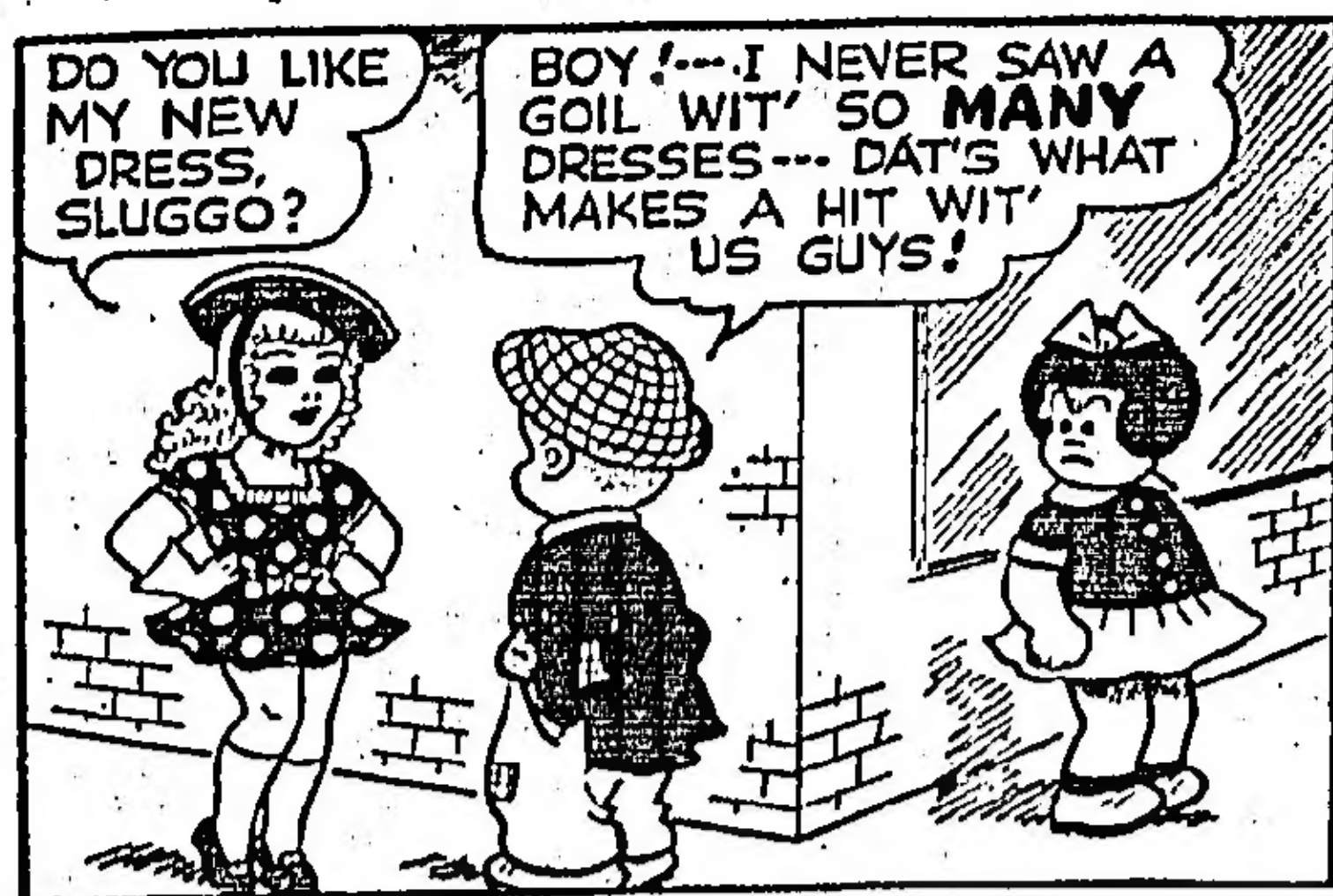
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British Counter-Attack In The Desert

CAIRO, July 12 (Reuter).—A British war communique states that at British Moyale our defences, damaged by artillery fire supporting the original attack on July 9, were repaired during the night.

A counter-attack on July 10 inflicted heavy losses on the enemy and fighting now continues. In Somaliland, Camel Corps patrols continue their offensive action against frontier posts and daily losses are inflicted on the enemy.

Sending Up Reliefs
NAIROBI, July 12 (Reuter).—The garrison at British Moyale on the Kenya-Abyssinia frontier, which the Italians have been attacking since Wednesday morning, had not at noon today made contact with troops coming to its relief.

The official communique announcing this stated that the relieving troops were holding positions on an escarpment. The communique adds: "Enemy casualties are not yet known but they are believed to be very heavy."

"Our aircraft carried out reconnaissance and attacks against machine-gun posts and artillery positions in the Moyale area, two machine-gun posts being destroyed. "About 5 p.m. yesterday our machines met three Capronis and two fighters, and put them to flight."

Dismantling Ordered
In the same area, all other vessels, wherever they are left unattended, are either to be dismantled or else fitted with a locking device sufficient to render the craft incapable of use.

Coastal Curfew
LONDON, July 12 (Reuter).—The Regional Commissioner for the north-eastern Civil Defence region has imposed a curfew along the coast of the region which will come into force on the night of July 15.

The curfew area includes the towns of Filey, Bridlington, Hornsea and Withernsea.

R. A. F. IN ACTION

Drastic Raids On Enemy 'Drome

LONDON, July 12 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry news service giving details of Thursday night's raids by the R.A.F. on Waalhav aerodrome stated that it was repeatedly bombed in a series of attacks lasting for nearly two hours. Many hits were made and several fires were started.

Schiphol was also bombed. Over 100 high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped on an aerodrome at Haamslande on the island of Schouwen.

Difficult Conditions
The Force attacking military objectives in Germany encountered heavy storms of rain and hail-storms and severe icing conditions. The millions of work of Eudwin-shaven, near Cologne, were located and bombed by the light of parachute flares.

The blast furnaces at Seiburg were attacked with heavy calibre bombs and a low level attack on a large factory at Mitternied, west of Ludwighafen, resulted in a series of explosions followed by fire. At Bremen, dock buildings were hit and a large fire started.

Colony's Consoling Rice Situation Already Enough Conserved To Last Three Months

Hongkong at the present time possesses ample stocks of rice, the staple food of 95 per cent. of the population. Close upon a million piculs are now held in the Colony. Of this figure, 800,000 piculs are being held in reserve storage under the essential commodities conservation scheme which commenced to operate in December last year following enactment of emergency legislation.

Never before in the history of the Colony has such a stupendous store of grain been accumulated. Even if supplies were immediately to be cut off by any sudden contingency, Hongkong will not go hungry for at least 100 days.

Hongkong produces about 200,000 piculs of rice annually, but strange to say none of this is consumed locally. The rice which is grown in the New Territories is of very good quality and is mostly exported to America, the annual exports being valued at \$2,000,000.

The main source of supply are Thailand and French Indo-China. Burmese rice is also shipped to Hongkong from Rangoon, the world's largest rice export centre, but the product does not suit the taste of Chinese in the south, and hence little is retained in the Colony. Hongkong acts mainly as a trans-shipment point for Burmese rice, which finds its best market in North China.

Supplies from Thailand and Indo-China have been maintained. What little interruption of regular shipments there has been occurred recently when shipping was held up for a few days due to the uncertain political situation in the French Colony. This has had, however, practically no effect on Hongkong's supplies.

In case of emergency, shipments from both the chief producing countries would probably be stopped. This is the opinion of rice dealers, who believe that Thailand, thanks to foreign influence, might also cease supplying rice to Hongkong.

In such a case Hongkong will have to depend on supplies from Burma, but this in turn will be dependent on shipping facilities.

Colony's Consumption
The daily consumption of rice in Hongkong, with an estimated population of 1,500,000, is stated to be in the region of 10,000 piculs, or approximately 6,000 bags of 175 cwt. each.

Taking into consideration the division of the population into adults and children and the ratio of consumption, dealers place the amount of rice consumed each day by an individual at two-thirds of a catty. At this rate, the million piculs at present stored in the Colony is sufficient to feed the population for 100 days. The amount held under the conservation scheme will last 80 days.

The aim of the Hongkong Government is to acquire a reserve stock of 1,300,000 piculs, and it is expected that this figure will be reached in another month.

Together with about 200,000 piculs that is normally held by the trade, stocks will then be sufficient for five months.

7 Months Feeding
If evacuation continues, and if every household looks after its requirements carefully so as to prevent possible waste, it is estimated that Hongkong could be fed for seven months. In such a situation, locally-grown rice would also be of some help.

The present situation in the Colony has not greatly affected the price of rice. There was a slight increase in price during the tension in Indo-China, when normal supplies were temporarily stopped. Since then, the price has again returned to the level that has prevailed for many months.

Three Grades
Rice sold in the Colony is of three grades. The best quality comes from Thailand, and the other qualities from Indo-China. It will be seen from the following table of comparison that prices have risen considerably during the last three years, and especially since the outbreak of the European conflict.

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Before European War ... \$7.50 \$7.50 \$7.50

End of June ... \$11.50 \$11.50 \$11.50

Present Time ... \$13.50 \$13.50 \$13.50

Export Ban
The Hongkong Government recently placed a ban on the export of rice from the Colony, and exports are now only possible under licence.

King's Patrol Yacht Sunk In Air Raid

LONDON, July 12 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that His Majesty's patrol yacht, *Warrior*, was sunk in the enemy bombing attack in the English Channel yesterday.

One rating was killed. The remainder of the crew were landed at an English port.

CONSCRIPTION IN U.S. FORECAST

WASHINGTON, July 12 (Reuter).—Compulsory military training will be "immediately necessary" if the United States Regular Army and National Guard are to be brought up to full strength, said General George Marshall, the Army Chief of Staff, testifying before the Senate Military Committee.

A War Department official told the Senate Committee that the Army would have 930,000 in training by October 1 if Congress enacted the Military Training Bill.

He added that the number would be increased to 1,415,000 by next April.

U.S. PROPAGANDA IN ARGENTINE

LONDON, July 12 (Reuter).—The Buenos Aires correspondent of the "New York Herald Tribune" continues his series of South American articles, describing how the youth of the Argentine have been won to Nazi and Fascist propaganda by organising a counter-propaganda group and staging demonstrations against German and Italian attempts to win South American support.

This correspondent gives instances of Nazi agents blackmailing British, Danish and Dutch citizens with relatives in German-occupied territories into making contributions to German welfare funds.

LONDON, July 12 (Reuter).—The Belgian Transport Workers' Union is being reformed in Britain with headquarters in London under the international Transport Workers' Union in close co-operation with the British National Union of Seamen.

Two shipments, totalling 600,000 bags, have since gone out of Hongkong. Fifteen per cent. of imports to the Colony are, under the conservation scheme, placed in reserve stock. From this store, the merchants draw their requirements as imports are continued.

Dealers are making representations to the Government to review the policy of licensed exports, their opinion being that normal trans-shipment business means more imports, and consequently more rice to be placed to reserve.

Exports To Shanghai
A great deal of rice is supplied to Shanghai from Hongkong, which also supplies Macao. The normal consumption in the Portuguese colony is about 600 bags daily, whilst Shanghai requires about 10,000 bags per day.

Formerly, Shanghai relied to a large extent for its supplies on Kiangsu and Chekiang Provinces, but since the Sino-Japanese War little rice is grown in those areas. Hence Hongkong, which formerly only entered to the Pearl River area, apart from the domestic demand, now supplies Shanghai with about half of its requirements.

Dealers are keen that this re-export trade should be permitted to function without hindrance, subject to the Colony's conservation requirements being satisfied.

Nurses Exam. Results

Many Credits And Distinctions

It is notified in to-day's Government "Gazette" that the results of the Nurses Board Examination held during May and June this year under the Nurses Registration Ordinance were as follows:

Preliminary PASSED

Government Hospitals
Mr. William Au, Mr. Charles Chan, Miss Janet Ho, Miss Gloria Kaung, Mr. Horatius Kwan, Miss Ada Kwong, Mr. Paul Lam, Miss Pauline Ling, Miss Angela Luk, Miss Angela Ng, Miss Gladys Soong, Miss Phyllis Wong, Miss Isabella Wu, Miss Daisy Yee, Miss Elsie Yung.

Tung Wah Hospital
Miss Kong Suk Chee, Miss Kwong Wing Chan, Miss Lai Wan Ying, Miss Lam Suk Ching, Miss Loung Chee Man, Miss Wen Ling Kwan, Miss Yip Yim Lou, Mr. Yuen Pui Po.

Kwong Wah Hospital
Miss Ko La Lan, Mr. Leung Wah Hing, Miss Yuen Shuk Fun.

Tung Wah Eastern Hospital
Miss Chan Ying, Miss Chan Ping Ying, Miss Lau Mo Yin, Miss Yeung Sau Fong.

Allied Memorial and Affiliated Hospital
Miss Chue Yuen Yee, Miss Yung Ching Yuen, Miss Yee Yee Yee, Miss Yung Yung Yuen, Miss Yung Yung Yuen, Miss Yung Yung Yuen.

Kong Chuen General Hospital
Miss Chan Yik Sau, Miss Chan Yik Sau, Miss Chan Yik Sau, Miss Chan Yik Sau, Miss Chan Yik Sau, Miss Chan Yik Sau.

Credit in Medicine.
Credit in Nursing.
Credit in Anatomy and Physiology.

Final PASSED
Government Hospitals
Miss Theodora Asome, Miss Phyllis Keeble, Mr. Li Luen Huen, Miss Pearl Lin, Miss Angelina Mo, Mr. George Pang, Miss Jenny Poon, Miss Irene Ue, Miss Elsie Wong, Miss Ruby Woo.

Tung Wah Hospital
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Credit in Anatomy and Physiology.

French Ministers Resign

BERLIN, July 12 (Reuter).—The French Cabinet met this evening at Vichy under Marshal Petain in his new capacity as head of State, according to a German news agency.

The Ministers have, as expected, collectively tendered their resignations in order to make way for a new twelve Ministers Cabinet.

The list of new members is expected to be published to-morrow.

U.S. Build Up Her Fleets

WASHINGTON, July 12 (Reuter).—The Navy Department has awarded record peace-time contracts totalling \$137,000,000 as part of the programme to build up Pacific and Atlantic fleets.

ARCHITECTS' ASSOCIATION

A successful representative meeting of Authorized Architects was held on Wednesday evening at the Metropole Hotel. Many were not present owing to the prevailing unsettled conditions in the Colony, and their emergency services being required.

It was unanimously decided that an Architects' Association be formed, but it was agreed to postpone further action until the next meeting, which is to take place in the near future.

SINGAPORE, July 12 (Reuter).

It was disclosed to-day that \$350,000 for the purchase of warplanes for the R.A.F. has been remitted to London by the War Fund launched by Malay newspapers.

According to to-day's "Government Gazette," A. E. Perry, E. T. Harris, J. C. Middleton-Smith and W. J. Richards have been re-assigned to the Combatant Group of the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

It is notified that L. A. Lewis has been re-assigned from the Combatant Group to the General Group for Essential Services in the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

ROOSEVELT & THIRD TERM

Nomination Regarded As Almost Certain

WASHINGTON, July 12 (Reuter).—Should President Roosevelt decline to accept the Democratic nomination for a third Presidential term, the Chicago Convention will become a scene of confusion and inter-party strife.

His nomination by the Convention is now regarded as almost certain, and if he agrees to stand the main interest of the Convention will be the nomination of the Vice-Presidential candidate and the formulation of a party platform.

Vice-President Alternatives

The Vice-Presidential candidate may be either a strong supporter of the New Deal or a southern Democrat. The latter choice would keep the conservative wing of the party in line while a New Deal man would lend credence to a report that President Roosevelt might resign when the world crisis has passed, thus leaving the Vice-President to instal himself at the White House.

The nomination of Mr. Cordell Hull for the Vice-Presidency would be welcomed by southern Democrats, while Mr. William Douglas, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, is regarded as the most likely nomination if a New Deal supporter is selected.

Not Going To Chicago

WASHINGTON, July 12 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt stated definitely that he is not going to Chicago for the Democratic Convention. At the Press conference to-day, he evaded questions regarding his intentions should he be nominated for a third term.

He stated that he would be conferring later with Mr. Henry L. Stimson, the new Secretary for War, regarding the mobilisation of the National Guard for training.

Little Opposition

WASHINGTON, July 12 (Reuter).—If President Roosevelt is candidate his only opponents for the Democratic nomination will be Vice-President J. C. Garner, and possibly Postmaster-General James Farley, neither of whom are believed to have the slightest chance against him.

Mr. Burton Wheeler, the isolationist Senator from Montana who threatened to form a separate "peace party", issued a statement in which he supported whoever the Party nominates and there was no question of a third Party.

Entries For "Y" Gala To-night

EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A. will entertain the Chinese Swimming Club (Chinese Y.M.C.A.) in a six-event swimming gala this evening, commencing at 9.15 p.m. For the first time since several years, the programme includes two distance events—the 200 and 400 yards. Included in to-night's programme also is a 25 yards under-water race, a diving exhibition by G. Saunders and a water-polo match between the Y.M.C.A. Seniors and the Small Ships. It is understood that the Navy will be entering a team of four swimmers in the 200 yards free-style relay, which should make the event all the more interesting.

ENTRIES AND EVENTS

The following is to-night's programme with the swimmers:
100 yards free-style—Chan Kwok-kwan and Ching Man-huen (Chinese) v. G. T. May and L. A. Benn (European Y.M.C.A.).
100 yards back-stroke—Kwong Kipoon and Yeung Yuen-kwan (Chinese) v. B. S. Wilson and F. Willis (European Y.M.C.A.).

Throwing The Polo Ball (European Y.M.C.A. Members).—Best of two throws (post entries).
50 yards free-style—Chan Wing-kei and Lo Yik-wing (Chinese) v. G. T. May and H. Eardley (European Y.M.C.A.).

150 yards medley relay—Yeung Yuen-kwan, Yeung Yik-wah and Chan Wing-kei (Chinese) v. B. S. Wilson, R. Goldmann and E. W. Hailton (European Y.M.C.A.).
Diving Exhibition by G. Saunders, 25 yards under-water race (for Y.M.C.A. members).
200 yards free-style—Chan Kwok-kwan and Ching Man-huen (Chinese) v. L. A. Benn and G. T. May (European Y.M.C.A.).

Water-polo—European Y. M. C. A. Seniors, to be selected from the following (H. Eardley, L. A. Benn, R. Goldmann, G. T. May, L. H. Chaler, E. W. Hailton, G. A. Fowler and F. Willis) v. Small Ships.

No entrance fee will be charged for spectators.



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and 8-12 midnight on 9.52 m.c.s. per
second.

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Inter-
cession.
12.30 The Orchestra Raymond
and Rudy Starita (Xylophone).

1.00 Local Time Signal and Wea-
ther Report.

1.03 Barnabas Von Geesay and His
Orchestra.

1.15 Some Good Old Songs of the
Good Old Days.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press.
Weather Forecast and Announce-
ments.

1.45 Dance Music.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Handel—Concerto Grosso No.
5, Op. 6.

The Boyd Neel String Orchestra
conducted by Boyd Neel.

6.21 Songs by Tito Schipa (Tenor).

6.31 Holst—The Planets—No. 3.
Mercury and Op. 4: Jupiter.

6.54 The New Light Symphony
Orchestra with Gladys Svarthout
(Mezzo Soprano).

7.17 Variety.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.

8.03 Dance Music.

8.15 London Relay—"At the
Black Dog."

Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-
parlour.

8.45 The London Palladium Or-
chestra.

"At the Black Dog" And
Other London Relays

8.50 London Relay—The News and
Total Talk.

8.55 Violin Solos by Fritz Kreisler:
Gavotte (from Paritta No. 3 in E
Major—Bach), Rondino On A Theme
By Beethoven (Kreisler); Shepherd's
Madrigal (Kreisler), Gypsy Caprice
(Kreisler).

10.00 Local Sport Results.

10.03 Band Music.

"Schrammle"—Overture (Ros-
sini), Good Old Vienna—Quick March
(Schrammel, arr. Hewitt).

10.17 Variety.

11.00 Latest Dance Music.

12.00 midnight. Close Down.

TO-MORROW'S BROADCAST

First Act of Puccini's
"Madam Butterfly"

Radio Programme Broadcast by
ZBW on a Frequency of 845 k.c.,
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2.30 p.m. and 8-10.35 p.m. on 9.52
m.c.s. per second.

11.0 a.m. Relay of Morning Ser-
vice from St. John's Cathedral.

12.15 p.m. Schubert—Duo for Piano
and Violin in A Major, Op. 162.

Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) and
Fritz Kreisler (Violin)—Symphony No.
4 ("Italian") in A Major.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press. Wea-
ther Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Puccini's "Madam Butterfly"
Act I.

2.30 Close down.
7.0 Half an hour of the Com-
positions of John Sebastian Bach.
Jesu, Joy Of Men's Desiring
(Chorale from the Cantata No. 147)
Myra Hess (Piano); Brandenburg
Concerto No. 2 in F Major... Phil-
adelphia Symphony Orchestra cond.
by Leopold Stokowski; Sonata for
Violin and Piano in G Major...
Adolf Busch (Violin) and Rudolf
Serkin (Piano).

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.

8.03 Compositions of Massenet.
Elegie—Ninon Vallin (Soprano)
with Piano and Cello accomp.; "Le
Cid" Ballet Music... New Symphony
Orchestra; "Le Cid" Act 1—O Noble
Lame Etincelante; "Le Cid" Act 3—
Abi Tout Est Bien Fini... Georges
Thill (Tenor) with Orchestra;
"Thais"—L'Amour Est Une Vertu
Rare... Maryse Beaulon (Soprano)
with Orchestra.

8.35 Light Orchestral Selections.

8.45 Studio—The Sixth of a series
of Book Reviews.

8.55 Song by Essie Ackland
(Contralto).

Here In The Quiet Hills (Carnet).

9.0 London Relay—The News.

9.30 "A Christian Looks at the
World": "Whither Britain?—No. 1:
The British Tradition."

A recorded talk by Professor F.
Clarke.

9.50 Egon Petri at the Piano.
Sonata in F Sharp Major (Beetho-
ven, Op. 78).

10.0 Handel—"Alcina" Suite.
Philharmonic-Symphony Orches-
tra of New York conducted by
William Mengelberg.

10.14 Studio—Sunday Evening
Epilogue.

10.34 Close down.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES—by JOHN BLUNT

SO we are travelling the
road alone! The one friend
in whom we trusted has
fallen by the wayside.

We set out together knowing full
well that the road would be hard.
We can understand France's ordeal.
It would have been better if we
could have sympathised with her
in her anguish, but for some reason
which we cannot at present fathom,
she has denied her friendship with
us, and because of this, we have
found it necessary to protect our-
selves against her fusion with the
enemy. Her great fleet which we
relied upon to assist us, just as our
fleet has assisted her, became a
grave menace to our survival, and
we have rightly removed that
menace.

The glorious history of France
has been jettisoned, and we are no
longer able to think in terms of a
supposedly inviolable Entente Cor-
diale. Even at this stage, we feel
a desire to withhold judgment, for
we cannot believe that France has
forsaken us of her own free-will.
We do feel justified however, in
condemning her commanders who
were not under the immediate
domination of the Nazis—and yet,
who showed loyalty and ingrati-
tude by refusing to throw in
their lot with Britain on sea or on
land, when it was not only possible,
but the obviously right thing to do.

THE knowledge that we
have to travel the road alone
merely hardens our resolve to
continue on to our destination.
There will be many obstacles,
but one by one they will be over-
come, and towards the end of the
hazardous journey we shall meet
new friends who will help us on
to the final triumph. Temporary
disappointment cannot quench the
spirit of Britain whose people are
fighting with freedom for the pre-
servation for all time, of freedom.
We can take comfort in the sure

knowledge that every day that
passes finds us stronger and better
fitted to withstand whatever
onslaught Germany may attempt.
The German problem has become
so vast that it will surely prove to
be her undoing. To keep the
greater part of Europe in subjection
during the coming winter is so
stupendous a task that its failure
may reasonably and logically be
contemplated with satisfaction. In
the meantime, the whole Empire
is working day and night to that
day when the Nazi curse will be
removed, and in this great crusade,
it is good to know that the growing
might of the United States will
assuredly be placed in the scale on
the side of the crusaders. The
freedom, prosperity and happiness
the great English-speaking
people depends upon a successful
and triumphant issue. In ourselves
we trust, and we shall not trust in
vain.

THE suddenness of the
evacuation naturally caused
a good deal of inconvenience
and dissatisfaction.

The preliminary organisation
appears to have been well carried
out, but the final arrangements,
especially aboard ship, revealed
weaknesses in the scheme. The
suggestion of discrimination, has
been ruled out, and it may be
genuinely believed that there was
little studied favouritism.

If there were serious grounds for
complaint, they would lie in the
failure to appreciate that the
majority of the evacuees were
women and children accustomed to
reasonable comfort. It has become
evident that reasonable comfort
was not the lot of some of the
evacuees, and that in some cases,
the utmost discomfort was
experienced. However, experience
teaches, and it may be expected
that the lessons from the Hong-
kong-Manila voyage, will serve as
a guide to those entrusted with the

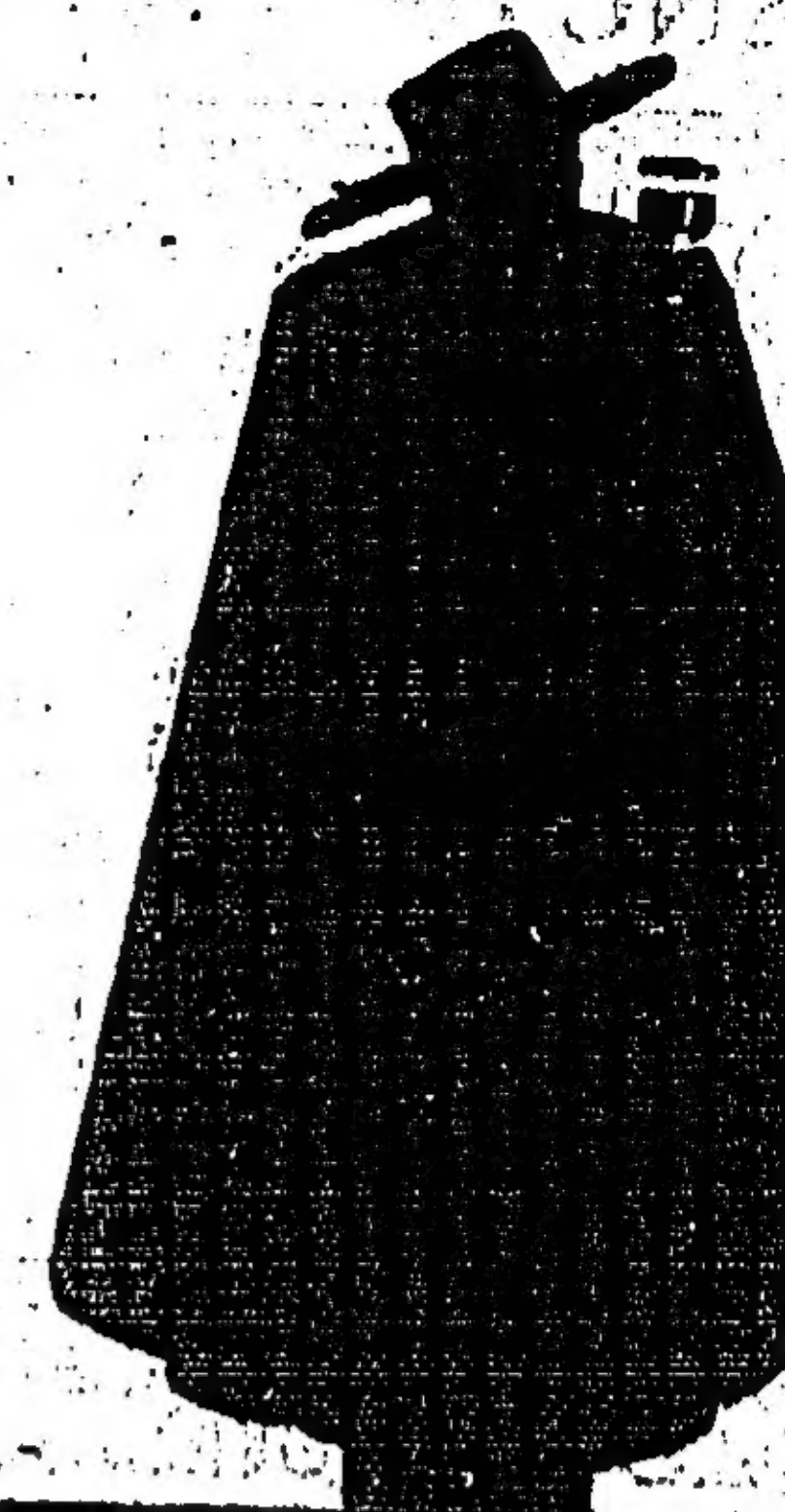
voyage of the evacuees from Manila
to Australia.

It must, of course, be assumed that
the evacuation was considered to
be absolutely necessary, for the
compulsory breaking-up of homes
is no light matter. Apart from the
unhappiness, there is the question
of the financial burden imposed,
which to many people, has created
and almost insurmountable prob-
lem. The fact that the wives and
families of certain Government
officials have been permitted to
remain is decidedly perplexing.
Surely if an emergency calls for
sacrifice and inconvenience, those
who may be expected to be "in the
know" should be the first to set an
example by bowing to the inevit-
able.

IN the meantime, Hongkong
carries on calmly and efficient-
ly.

Japanese circles may have been
surprised that our women and
children should be sent away, but
circumstances generally justified
such a step. It is to be profoundly
regretted that Anglo-Japanese re-
lations should have become strained,
but the fault is certainly not ours.
Common-sense may yet prevail, for
the future of the Japanese people
depends upon the survival of
democratic principles, just as our
own future does. The brutal
doctrine of Nazism can only last
for a brief term, and until that
term has expired, world prosperity
must be affected.

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other nation have reason to thank
us for the benefits they have
enjoyed here in the past. Their
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able to trade with the world and
for the world to trade with them,
and a policy which aims at the
restoration of normal conditions
throughout the world must, sooner
or later, be adopted.



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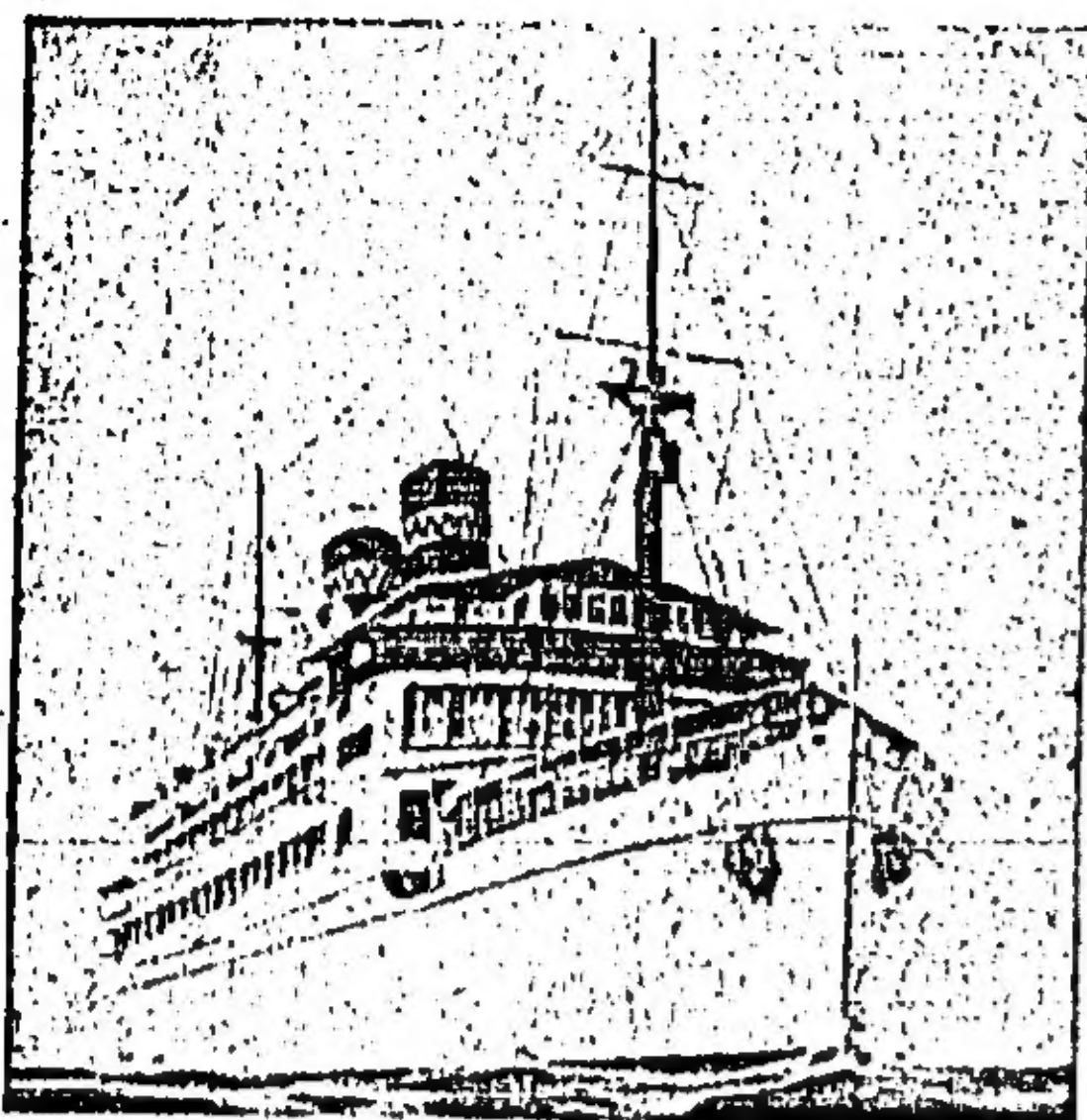
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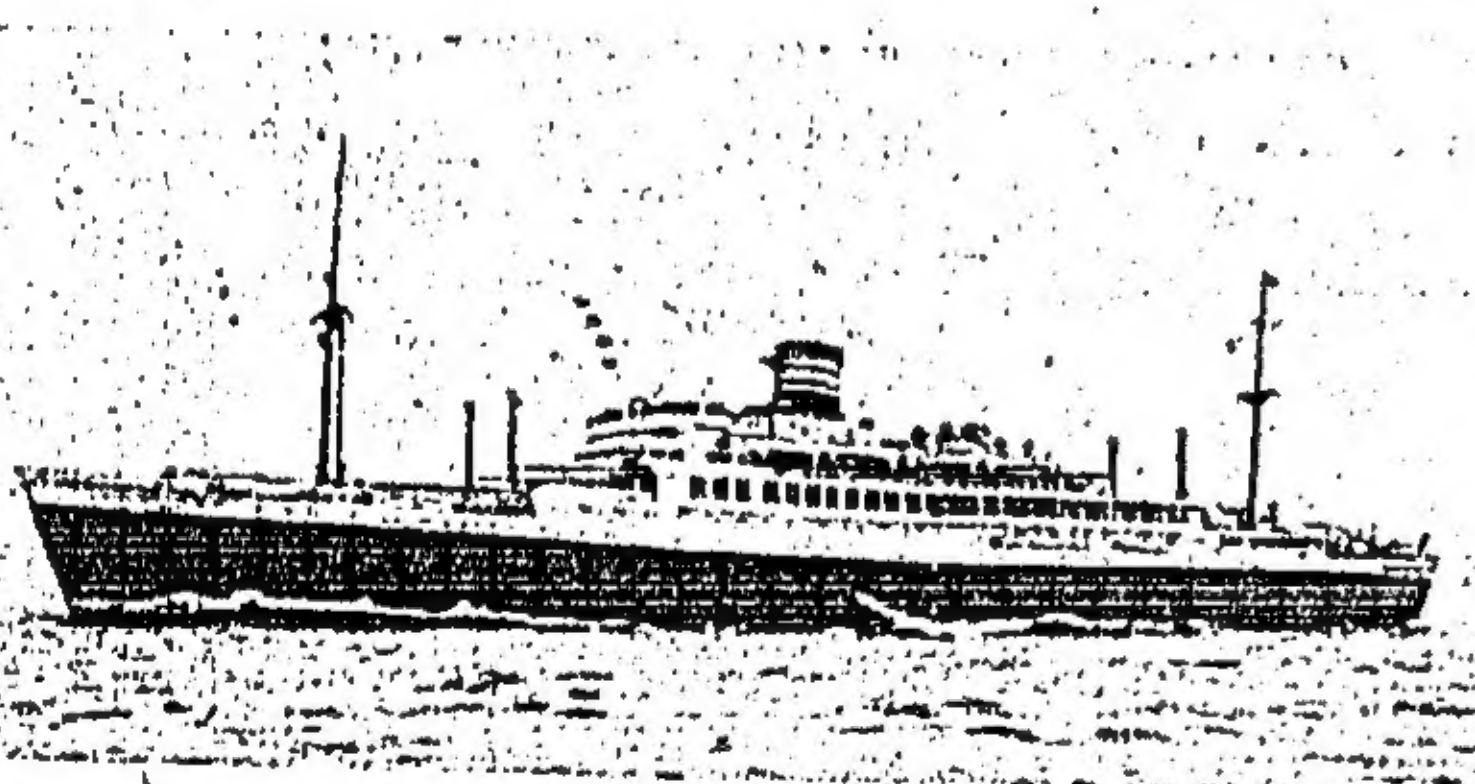
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CURRENT COMMENT . . . By Scrutineer

The Evacuation

THE outstanding event of the past week has been the evacuation of European women and children from the colony. Many of those who had to go felt that they were being penalised, those of other nationality who were not compelled to go, felt that the evacuees were privileged.

A certain amount of discomfort and dissatisfaction was inseparable from such a movement, but the irritation was probably not so much because of the actual journey, as of the circumstances and the reason which made the evacuation necessary. There is a danger apparently that if the Burma road is not closed the port of Hongkong may not be kept open. The two places are hundreds of miles apart but the relationship between them is quite intimate.

Why there should be this demand for the closure of the Burma route at this time of the year, when the weather now prevailing in Yunnan and Burma effectively blocks it, it is hard to say.

Britain cannot close the road without consulting the United States and Russia who also send material along this route, nor can she do so legally seeing that no state of war exists between China and Japan.

The proper method of shutting off these supplies would be for the Japanese army to advance into Yunnan and close it from that side.

In any case Russia will still be a problem for Japan, since war material comes into China by the Sinking route but so far no demand has been addressed to Russia.

Russia in the Balkans

THE advance of Russia into the Balkans, and the reported demands made upon Turkey for the control of the Dardanelles, suggests that Germany and Italy have resigned their claims on the Balkans. The map of this part of Europe is always being changed or about to be changed. It is the storm centre, or an intermittent volcano, and as a bulwark against the spread of Russian influence and power. To-day Russia is in a stronger position than ever before in her history and she owes her tremendous expansion to the action or inaction of these two forces which came into being to thwart her.

Death of a Democracy

'ICABOD' may now be written over the Republic of France which since the end of the 18th Century has been the political mentor of Europe. Her glory has indeed departed. About the French Revolution, Wordsworth said that 'to be alive then was joy indeed, but to be young was very heaven.' How many could echo that thought to-day with regard to France? The cause of this paralysis and impotence of the French people at the moment is a dark mystery. In spite of the alliance between Germany and Russia, there are some people in France who seem to think that a Fascist Government is a defence against Communism. Apparently the two creeds are incompatible when they appear in the same country, but they manage to ally themselves when in different countries.

Laval is thrown up at the moment because through him better terms and better relations can be established with Italy and therefore with Germany. He is entitled to a quick promo from Mussolini when he befriended during the Abyssinian affair when he intrigued and so made

sanctions unworkable against Italy, but according to Italian newspapers no concessions will be made on that account. It is hard to believe that the French will become sufficiently docile to make a dictatorship work. That is not possible; when the country settles down and opinion is organized, then trouble will begin, for the Frenchman is not easily disarmed.

The French Fleet

THE destruction of the French battleships is extremely sad, but it is obvious that they had to be destroyed, and reading between the lines it is obvious that the French sailors made no, or at least very little, attempt to prevent their destruction. Obviously they did not wish them to fall into German hands. In Alexandria they were probably very glad that they were in no position to resist. In fact, it is reasonable to suppose that they gathered there for that reason.

Every Frenchman, that is, every true Frenchman, knows that the resurrection of France depends on the success of the Allied fleet. It is hardly likely that as a whole the French navy would want to fall into German hands.

If only the Italian fleet would expose itself and face the British fleet in the Mediterranean, we would be within measurable distance of the end of the war and the Far East too would react to the Italian fleet's destruction.

Italy while neutral kept our fleet immobilised in the Mediterranean, now it is itself in a state of terror lest it comes into contact with the British Fleet. Japan can derive little satisfaction when she contemplates the naval situation in Europe.

The Blitzkrieg

THE Blitzkrieg on Britain has not yet materialised, and the violent attacks that the R.A.F. has been making on Germany must make her realise that when it does take place it will prove a costly business to her. The sea is the best tank to her. We have, England is still from that point of view 'the precious stone set in the silver sea which serves it in the office of a wall, or as a moat defensive to a house against the envy of less happier lands.'

The exploits of the R.A.F. fill everyone with confidence and admiration. The playing fields of the Empire have given those qualities of skill, initiative and courage which have been so frequently shown in the air during the past year. Then too the airman have been brought up in a hard school: what with fog, wind and rain during so many months of the year, the exacting demands made upon the pilots have produced that toughness and enterprise which must of necessity be lacking in the German training. Germany is admirably placed for civil flying but not for military airmanship.

The country awaits with confidence these mass attacks which are so dear to the heart of the mass-minded German soldier.

Eire Danger

THERE is much perturbation about a German descent on Eire, where no doubt a certain number of fifth column folk are ready to help them. The president, Mr. de Valera, has said that any such invasion will be resisted with his eight thousand regular soldiers. Southern Ireland. While it is certain that the Germans could land a considerable force by carrier plane and parachute, its maintenance would depend on control of the sea. This was possible in Norway but it is not possible near Britain. If more than twenty of our divisions could be evacuated from

Flanders, because of our command of the sea, it is equally certain that Germany could not transport adequate numbers unless she had the control that we had.

This of course leaves out of account the use of the army in Ulster, which is presumably ready to deal with the weak neutral as a menace to the Germans who are not concerned with other nations' rights but only with their own advantage. If force is to rule the world during this century then there is no room for the weak neutral state.

Monroe Doctrine in Asia

THE new definition by President Roosevelt of the Monroe Doctrine has aroused a great deal of speculation. The United States practically says she is not interested in the disposition of Indo-China, while Germany informs Japan she is not concerned about the Netherlands East Indies, but the United States is, according to Mr. Cordell Hull's previous statement.

If Japan occupies Indo-China she will not offend the United States but if she tries to seize the Netherlands East Indies she will offend Japan. Japan tries to occupy the latter she will not offend Germany, though if she tried to take over the former it is very likely she would come up against both Germany and Italy. Indo-China like the rest of the French Empire is the garment upon which the German and Italian rulers hope to cast lots when the final peace terms are made.

Hongkong's Defences

HONGKONG gets more warlike every day with its display of sand-bags and barbed wire round the beaches. The new military Governor will feel quite at home when he and his wives and finds us in such a state of preparedness. The law courts are already protected in such a way that the offices on the ground floor must be centrally orientated.

However, discomfort is the order of the day. We are actually sharing the feelings of the people of Britain because our experiences are parallel with theirs except that so far no actual attack has occurred. It is strange that Hongkong which is ten thousand miles from Britain should be the one part of the Empire that is in the greater danger.

The effects of the evacuation must necessarily be serious for certain classes of the community. The withdrawal of the women and children, the exodus of many well-to-do Chinese means even more unemployment than before. Housewives and amahs now find themselves without wages, the shops that cater for the women and children are burdened with unsold stock, the sale of Dairy Farm produce must be greatly reduced. Houses which were not to be obtained before for the asking are now going begging.

The whole economy of the Colony has been upset. The change that is taking place is rather similar to what is happening in England where the population is organised for defence and the coasts turned into armed camps. Hongkong like Britain, is prepared and loyal.

MR. PEPYS IN HONGKONG

6th July.—Up pretty betimes and am glad to find I have no rheum in my head after the wetting I got upon parade, with the train-bands on yesterday. This morning I do take leave of my shoe-child, my Goldson John David and Mistress Anne, as they leave for Manila. But Lord in that we have shared the same house for nearly three years it is as though I were leaving my own family and I am more sadder at heart than I can say. As is customary now the rain pours down and with few intermissions falls all day during this the great civilian evacuation. And, of this I do find it mighty hard to speak, being so torn with pity for those who are and those who stay. But may God give them all a good issue of the matter. The two great ships did sail before and after five of the clock. At the Clubbe later a many folk discouraging but little spirits and did reflect that I little thought I should ever see such a day in Hongkong.

6th.—Up betimes and I can scarce bear to walk in my house whence so many are gone. And even Bethsheba wanders up and down mewing sadly for she hath lost her playmate John David. To the Clubbe where I am very busy ordering my affairs, but come to Mr. Caldecks by one of the clock and one or two friends there. Took my nunchion in the Clubbe after a glass or two of Holland's water and some talk with Major O'Riordan. So back to the Office where are many papers wing me, and I do write as well to my wife, poor wretch, tho' I am in doubt if she shall ever receive it. But I do hope for the best. Home and dined with my be child and after reading.

7th (Lord's Day).—Up pretty betimes and did order my Chamber, a thing I have not put in hand these many days. The day being fine I am come to my office in comfort, for I have the Sunday duty, and there find much business. After this ordered to the Clubbe where I find Mr. John, Mr. John very opinionate over certain matters but this was over his wont. Drank a glass or two of strong waters and home to my nunchion and after lay in a long chair in my garden where, alas, are now no flowers save a little fine show of Achilleas in the crevice of my path-wall, and the promise of fine Mombresia if we do ever get some sunshine. At a half after six to the Peake Clubbe where I do choose a book and home again. Dined and so to bed.

8th.—A fine morning but after nunchion, which I did take very pleasantly at the Clubbe upon a good leg of mutton, the weather becomes overcast and thunderstorm arrives. Doing on my garments to drill with the Train Bands I take a Hackney coach to the Bowling Alley, but when there down come the current and I coach to wait. Drank a glass or two of strong waters and did damn the weather and the Authorities most would not go though I offered them passage by coach, but close upon half hour I did get me by coach to the gate of Murray Barracks and thence to a verandah, carrying my

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Chinese umbrella, (as I believe,) in a smart and soldierly manner. So dry to parade. The roll having been called to my greatest possible joy we were not held upon wet and draughty verandahs but set in a long verandah and then comes a sergeant of the Royal Scots, who gives most admirable discourse upon Gasse, to which I listen with much attention. The smell of Phosgene I know well, for doe I not live in a house upon the Peak after two months steady rain? Yet mildewed joy is apt enough. As for other smells, I never did much enjoy geraniums, and I am at a stonde to know why no one has invented a gasse with a scent of violets. But towards the end of the lecture I began to fall into some doubt as to whether the respirator was issued to save a soldier's life or to prevent the barrel of his rifle corroding. When dismissed back to the Bowling Alley where a many of us drink a glass or two of strong waters and anon comes our Assistant Adjutant and it seems we are like to shoot soon, at which all very pleased.

9th.—Walking to the Tramway I did feel a most dreadful depression for that the houses by which I passed did seem so empty, well nigh all the women and children being gone. And my own worst of all. On returning home I find Bethsheba bath met with an accident as, persuaded that the weighted head of the floor polisher was a mouse for her diversion she gets a heavy blow upon the back leg. But it is not broken in my judgement and shee gets about and I am minded there is bruising and it may be a strained tendon. My boy tells me that if hee may massage it with brandy all will be well and I so order it though I fear shee may forget her ladylike deportment. But I doubt that her share of the brandy consumed will be sufficient to cause this.

10th.—This evening dined alone and after Bethsheba slept upon my lap as I read. And shee seems better.

11th.—Up betimes and to the office where are papers beyond the ordinary and I must needs pray exemption from my exertation with the train-bands, being in my room until high seven of the clock. To the Clubbe for a space and then home, and so to bed.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS

1—Event from which time is reckoned

4—Fighting tool

9—Worshipful Indian

12—Transferred

16—Close in

17—Close in

18—Towed with

19—Prophecy signs

21—Structure preserving fodder

24—Venture

25—Hawaiian goddess

26—Admired male

27—Brought up by hand

28—Admired male

29—Scrutinize

30—One of pilgrim fathers

31—Slit

32—Oil impeding aspect

33—Foundations

34—Price upon

35—Member of monastic order

36—Oceanic

37—Mischievous act

38—Note of scale

40—Opposing

41—First in value

42—Opinion of person held by others

43—Young girl

44—Appearing as snarled

45—Type of fastening

46—Dapple

47—Combining form: none

DOWN

1—Japanese coins

2—One

3—Large metal

4—By way of

5—Black markings of magistrates

6—Laid

7—Freed from fault

8—Line with

9—Blade of window

10—In no way

11—Large deer

12—Lives in France

13—Follow tracks of

14—Lovers

15—Bring into line

16—Part of forearm

17—Border for picture

18—Leap about playfully

19—Covetousness

20—College official

21—Child

22—Offered resistance

23—At once

24—Sharp blow

25—Yale

26—Indirect situation

27—Antimal hair (pl.)

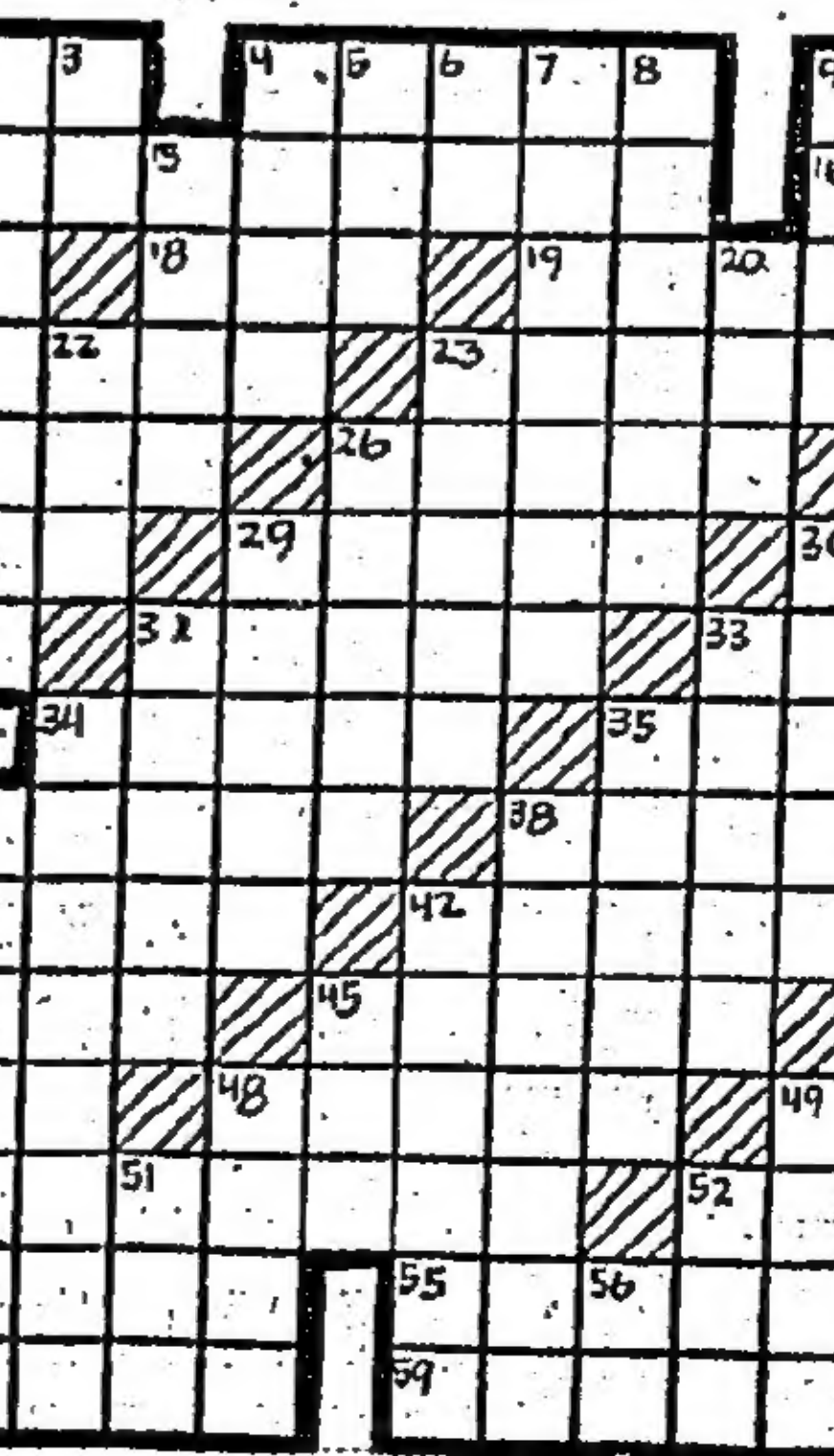
28—Part of forearm

29—Become sick

30—Small size of coat

31—Myself

32—Conjunction



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